

The residents must decide

The way Weymouth and Portland Borough Council is run will be put to a public vote

ONLY one winner emerged as councillor after councillor voiced passionate and emotive views during a debate on the future of Weymouth council, and that was democracy.

All sides gave their views on whether to keep Weymouth and Portland Council as it is, or move the decision making process over to a strong leader and cabinet style of governance.

But after lengthy debate at the full council meeting it was felt the only democratic way would be to ask the residents of the borough what they wanted.

In a unanimous vote it was also said that when giving residents the choice, they should be given the facts in a clear, easy to understand way.

Deputy mayor, Councillor Paul Kimber said: "I think the decision has got to go to public, and we have to explain what a strong leadership and cabinet is and how they function."

"Explain what these are

and give them an informed choice. Let's make it open and if the public come back and say they want either one, then so be it."

Residents will be asked to decide if they prefer the strong leadership and cabinet model, which would see a leader of the majority elected party making all council decisions.

The leader would then choose members of the council to form a cabinet, similar to the one used in Parliament, to control the portfolio positions.

It is thought this style would lead to a stronger style of management and decision making within the borough on major items, such as the fate of the Pavilion.

However, some believe that model would open the floodgates to a style of governance which would leave the majority of the 36 councillors as political "cunuchs".

An impassioned Councillor Howard Legg compared council members to lemmings under the strong

by Paul Crompton

leadership model, adding: "It's not the people's fault it's the system."

"Decisions will be made behind closed doors. We are lucky, we don't have to go down the route. If we go down that route there is no way back."

The current style, which was introduced in 2001, allows all decision making

processes to be heard by a full council, and day to day decision taken by a 10-man management committee.

A general public consultation will be held during January 2010 in the council's Insight magazine, which will contain information on the proposed changes and a reply slip.

Wyke Regis at the polls

VOTERS go to the polls on December 10 when a by-election will be held in Weymouth's Wyke Regis ward.

The election has been forced because of the death of respected borough councillor Doug Hollings who represented the ward for many years.

Weymouth and Portland elections officer Sue Bonham-Lovett said: "This election could have been called at any time, but by having it in early December we can ensure that the people of Wyke Regis are fully represented within a reasonable time."

Three polling stations will be open in the Wyke Regis area from 7am until polls close at 10pm.

Four candidates are contesting the seat which Mr Hollings held for the Conservatives.

They are Richard David Denton-White representing the Citizen's (correct) Action Party (Weymouth and Portland), Helen Mary Glavin for the Conservatives, Trefor Morgan for the Liberal Democrats and Kate Wheller for Labour.



Driving rain can't dampen Christmas spirit in Weymouth

■ DRIVING rain met those who turned out to witness the illuminating of the borough's Christmas tree and Brewer's Quay on Saturday evening.

Santa Claus, pictured above with Carnival Queen Nina Rezaei and town crier Mrs Doris Eastwood, was also accompanied by the Mayor Councillor Anne Kenwood and members of the cast of the Wizard of Oz from the Pavilion as they officially launched the festive season in Weymouth. Full story on page 7.

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LINDY Carr is the principal of Stagecoach Weymouth.

She is the daughter of Bill Sellars, producer of 'All Creatures Great and Small', and actress June Bland.

Lindy spent her early years in Surrey and went to the Barbara Speake Stage School in London, during which time she appeared in films such as "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang", "Oliver!" and "Scrooge".

She continued her career as an actress and dancer for many years in television and theatre and is still actively and enthusiastically involved in directing and choreographing.

She pioneered Stagecoach in Chester and Wilmslow where she was principal for three years and was principal of the very successful Stagecoach in Camberley for nine years.

Lindy moved to Dorset with her husband Nick three years ago for a quieter life but it hasn't quite worked out like that. She runs Weymouth Stagecoach school, which will see its pupils perform in this year's Pavilion Pantomime the Wizard of Oz.

■ YOU work at Shaftesbury School, what is the best part of your job.

I am a teaching assistant and the best part of my job is seeing the students I mentor achieve something they have been struggling to do – however small, it's progress.

■ YOU also run the Stagecoach school in Weymouth, how are the rehearsals for this year's pantomime at the Pavilion going?

Ten of my students are taking part in this year's pantomime, The Wizard of Oz. The rehearsals are going well and all the 'Munchkins' are getting very excited at the prospect of performing on stage.

■ WHAT is your favourite pantomime?

It has to be 'Cinderella', which was the first one I appeared in at the New End Theatre, Hampstead.

■ WHO is your favourite character from the many television dramas?

There are so many to choose from. But I do admire Helen Mirren and loved watching her play Jane Tennison in 'Prime Suspect'. I also love the Sunday evening costume dramas like 'Lark Rise to Candleford'.

■ YOU'RE also a great fan of comedies. When was the last time you laughed and what made you chuckle?

I'm currently enjoying the new sitcom on BBC 2 'Miranda' but I loved 'Outnumbered' and do like a good stand-up comedian: Billy Connolly, Lee Mack and Michael McIntyre.



■ DESPITE reality television shows filling a huge percentage of air-time, you don't watch them. What is it about them that you dislike?

There is so much prime time television given to reality programmes, I feel they deprive many trained actors of the opportunity of professional television work.

60 SECOND INTERVIEW

■ HAVE you ever trodden the boards yourself? If so, how old were you when you started and what was your most memorable role?

Yes. I was five when I appeared in an episode of Z Cars. Does that date me? My most recent memorable film role was playing opposite Ray Winstone as his wife.

■ WHAT is it you like about the Weymouth area?

I live in Sherborne but I love the view of Weymouth and Portland as I drive to Stagecoach on a Friday afternoon.

■ IS there anything you would like to see changed?

Not really. It will be very interesting to see the changes developing in readiness for the 2012 Olympics.

■ WHICH three people from throughout history would you invite around for dinner?

William Shakespeare, Bob Fosse and Anne Frank.

■ WHAT three things would you take with you onto a desert island and why?

A piano – I used to play and would love to have the time to practice. A drawing pad, pencil and a rubber, which is another hobby I haven't fully taken up. My tap shoes to keep me dancing.

■ If you won the lottery, what would be the first three things you bought and why?

A round the world ticket to see all those places that I haven't yet had time to see. A large rambling farmhouse – as long as I didn't have to decorate it myself. And shoes. A girl can never have enough shoes.

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Man arrested after alleyway assault

A MAN has been arrested in conjunction with an early morning attack on Portland which left a woman with injuries to her body.

The 26 year-old victim suffered cuts and bruising during the assault which took place in an alleyway next to Watery Lane off Weston Road between 1am and 2.30am on Friday, November 27th.

A 29 year-old Portland man, who is understood to be known to the victim, was arrested on the afternoon of the incident and later released without charge following door to door enquiries in the Weston road area.

The Portland woman was forced to the ground where she struggled and fought off the man who then ran off behind the houses on Weston Road.

Crime scene investigators made a meticulous investigation of the alley, with detectives appealing for witnesses and anyone with information to come forward.

Detective Inspector Guy Shimmons, of the Dorset County Division CID, said: "Although the man's motive is not yet clear we are treating this incident very seriously and an in-depth investigation is under way.

"It's important that we hear from anyone who did witness anything during that time – and from anyone else who has any other information that might further the investigation."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 01202 or 01305 222222 or Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Drink drive warning to motorists

MOTORISTS are being warned of the devastating impact drink and drug driving can have as Dorset Police launches its annual Christmas campaign.

The Christmas drink and drug driving initiative began in Dorset yesterday with increased traffic patrols, as well as road-side checks and will run until January 1st 2010.

During the campaign every driver who is involved in a collision during December will also be breath tested – irrespective of whether they are suspected of drink driving or not.

Chief Inspector Bob Nichols, from Specialist Operations, said: "Our advice to drivers is not to get behind the wheel after drinking any alcohol at all, because even one drink can impair your driving."

£200,000 expansion into Portland for local yacht company

by Harry Walton

WEYMOUTH-based Cove Yacht Brokerage has launched a £200,000 expansion on Portland which could create ten new jobs.

The company will retain its Trinity Road presence in Weymouth but largely operate from three premises at Osprey Quay's new Portland Marina.

Brothers Richard and Simon Meers will expand their brokerage into one set of island offices while two more large units will house fresh ventures under their new arm, Cove Marine.

This will involve a show room for new fast fishing and sports boats as well as family leisure boats with the second unit providing marine services including everything from rigging and spars to repairs for both fibreglass and wood boats.

Osmosis treatments linked to rejuvenating fibreglass boat hulls will be available while further expansion will add mechanical and electrical engineers to provide a true "one stop shop" for boat owners wanting to maintain or improve their craft.

Richard said they had already created five new jobs and anticipated five more in the near future.

He added: "We are the only brokerage in the new Osprey Quay development, so we are the people to come and see if anyone wants to sell their boat. All they have to do is literally walk off their craft and in through our front door.

"We are a local company but with marketing reach from Europe to America."

Simon said of Cove Marine: "We have seven new boats coming in before Christmas costing from £13,000 up to £250,000.

"We have sole national rights for the UK and Eire to sell two types of boat which we will in turn be offering sub-dealerships in the different regions of the country, so the potential sales are enormous."

Part of the company's expansion will see it exhibit at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre in February 2010 and at the Southampton Boat Show in September 2010.



■ RICHARD Meers (left), Simon Meers (centre) and motorboat salesman John Haines at Portland Marina.

Join the world tree planting record

A WEYMOUTH group is taking part in a world record attempt to plant a million trees in one hour.

The Friends of Nothe Gardens are hoping that as many local people as possible will also join in.

They want people to come along to the Nothe Gardens between 11am and noon on Saturday, December 5th to help plant more than one hundred saplings funded by the BBC's Breathing Places as part of National Tree Week.

Friends group chairman Mary Citrine said: "To do our bit to attempt to break a Guinness world record we need as many local residents as possible to come along and plant a tree.

"The borough council's parks team has prepared an area ready for planting and will be on-hand to help out on the day but, without people's help, we'll never manage to plant all the saplings in one hour."

Anyone who would like to take part should meet opposite the Nothe Tavern at 10.30am and, if possible, bring a trowel or spade.

Rotary support for flood victims

THE Rotary Club of Melcombe Regis has responded to the disaster appeal on behalf of the victims of the terrible floods in Cumbria by forwarding a cheque for £1,000.

Speaking on behalf of the club, Brian Willett said: "The Rotary organisation has a history of responding to disasters worldwide. Recently the Rotary Club of Melcombe Regis raised money to send four survival boxes to the communities affected by the dreadful floods in the South Pacific islands.

"Now, with people within our own islands suffering so badly, we are pleased that we have been able to respond swiftly to their needs.

"We have been able to do this because of the fantastic support that we receive from the local community in our fund raising activities, such as the annual Dragon Boat Challenge and the annual Karting Competition at The Clay Pigeon.

"On behalf of President Bob Parkes and the members of The Rotary Club of Melcombe Regis, I would like to thank all of our supporters for making these donations possible."



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Hospital's low rating in a safety survey

by David Dawson

A NATIONAL independent survey has given Dorset County Hospital its second-to-bottom rating for safety.

The Dr Foster Hospital Guide gave the Dorchester hospital a rating of two out of a possible top figure of five.

It also said the hospital, which expects to be more than £7million over its budget next year, had a patient death rate that was above the national average.

But the hospital hit back, saying the survey was "misleading".

Medical Director for Quality Dr Mark Hitchcock said: "Dr Foster's scoring system is complex and based upon a mixture of 13 indicators relating to different aspects of patient safety."

"It is very difficult to see how they have been calculated and the score attributed to Dorset County Hospital does not relate to all the other indicators of quality which we and independent regulators, such as the Care Quality Commission, use to assess patient care."

"Dorset County Hospital's overall standardised mortality ratio (ie. how many patients die in hospital set against how many would be expected to die) is lower than the national average and is continuing to fall, despite misleading reports to the contrary."

The hospital also issued a statement denying that some of its cancer facilities including its breast cancer service were being

moved to Poole hospital.

Medical Director for Performance Dr Nick Hateboer said: "The breast cancer service is highly regarded and we want it to remain at Dorset County Hospital."

"We have recently taken short-term steps to ensure the service continues, and are looking at how we can best secure the long-term future of this very important service."

Dr Hateboer added that the chemotherapy unit was not under review and would remain at DCH.

Battle over payphones

PARISH councils across West Dorset are being asked for their views on BT's plans to remove phones from 72 red boxes in the district - and let the council's 'adopt' them for £1.

West Dorset District Council has opposed the original plans to remove the payphones in areas with poor mobile phone coverage as this could put lives at risk in an emergency. Most parish councils that responded

said that they wanted the payphones kept.

The district council has now lodged its initial draft decision which retains its objection to the payphones being removed. A final round of consultation has been launched which will contribute to the district council's final decision.

West Dorset District Council Leader Robert Gould said: "The district council is once again asking

parish and town council's affected by BT's proposal's to make sure they give their views."

"If a parish and town council affected by the plans does not respond, then the district council will keep its objection to the removal of the phone equipment from the local phone box in that area."

Comments can be made on the district council's draft decision by December 16th.



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Bid for town crier causes an upset

PLANS to give Portland its first designated town crier in time for the 2012 Olympics have been met with hope and heartbreak.

Portland's mayor, Councillor Richard Paisley called bickering councillors to order during the town council meeting as they decided in principle to recommend the proposal.

However, Doris Eastwood said she has been left heartbroken by the decision and news she was no longer officially recognised as the borough's town crier after 30 years in the town.

Mrs Eastwood, said: "It's heart-breaking after the love I've given to Weymouth and Portland to promote them. No one has told me I'm not the town crier for Weymouth and Portland. I want to be the town crier; do

by Paul Crompton

they think I'm too old?"

Mrs Eastwood had previously been stripped of her title of Weymouth and Portland town crier after losing her Guild of Town Criers status.

A positive decision at January 2010's town council meeting would see councillors attempting to raise the initial £2,000 outlay for the crier's ceremonial robes from sponsorship by Portland businesses.

A further £500 a year would subsequently have to be found from the council's annual budget.

Town and borough councillor Ian Monroe said it was all about trying to come up with a balance.

"It's really about funding, he said. "If we can find a really good sponsor

in time, then fine. But it's a burden from the precept for something that is ceremonial. I cannot identify any benefit to the local residents."

Councillor Paisley said his only concern was if the town crier was robbed the town mayor should be robbed as well.

"I'm in favour in principle, but I'm definitely against the people of Portland having to pay the costs of having a town crier.

"I think it would be a good thing for us to have a town crier of our own. It would be the first town crier in our history as far as I'm aware," he said.

The council are set to invite national champion crier, Alistair Chisholm from Dorchester to give a presentation, and offer his expert advice on all stages of the proposal.

Information sought on stolen jewellery

by Harry Walton

JEWELLERY pictures have been released by detectives investigating a major burglary in Weymouth.

Thieves raided a house in Symonds Close, Lodmoor, and their haul included a number of valuable and distinctive items of jewellery and a lime green third generation i-Pod

Detective Constable Gerald Marchant of Weymouth CID, said: "The burglars forced a window and a patio door and I suspect that they climbed into the rear garden from one of the houses in Weymouth Bay Avenue.

"The offenders stole 34 items of mostly unique antique jewellery including a very distinctive ruby and diamond gold cluster ring and a gold linked chain."

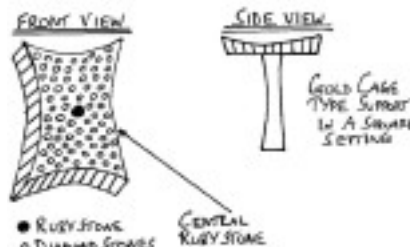
He added that officers were now releasing a photo of the chain and a sketch of the diamond cluster ring together with illustrations of other stolen items in the hope that anyone with any information about the items will call police.

DC Marchant said: "I'm particularly keen to draw these items to the attention of those in the jewellery trade as there's every likelihood that some of the stolen items may have been sold, quite possibly locally.

"I'd also like to hear from anyone who witnessed this incident and from anyone who saw any suspicious activity in the Symonds Close or Weymouth Bay Avenue area between 5pm on Friday, July 10th and 3:50pm on Saturday, July 11th 2009.

"I'd also like to hear from anyone else with any other information. All calls will be treated in total confidence."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call police on 01305-222222 or the free and anonymous Crimestoppers on 0800-555111.



■ Drawing of ruby and diamond ring



■ Gold linked chain

Barnstorming!

A FUNDRAISING barn dance by the Friends of MV Freedom saw residents get down to some great tunes whilst raising over £450 for two worthwhile Weymouth causes.

Around 60 people enjoyed a night of fun and dance to raise the money for Help For Heroes and MV Freedom at STEPS youth club, on Chickereil Road.

Antony Hawkins from the Friends of MV Freedom, said: "We had a terrific evening at the barn dance, about 60 people turned up so everyone had plenty of room to dance

"Kevin's balloon table decorations went well in the auction and Patric's sausage and mash supper was devoured very quickly."

The group are continuing to sell Help For Heroes wrist bands.



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The centre for Health and Wellbeing

NUTRITRAIN Southwest has opened the first Centre for Health and Wellbeing at the Jubilee Enterprise Centre in Weymouth.

The centre has a team of highly professional and experienced therapists offering a huge range of complimentary therapy treatments to include massage, reflexology, aromatherapy, reiki, crystal healing and spiritual/psychic readings.

Centre director Claire Whiles holds nutritional therapy consultations to help with problems including IBS, tiredness, skin problems, stress, hormone imbalances. Testing for food and airborne intolerances and other tests are available if required. Claire is an accredited member of The Nutritional Therapy Council.

Tai Chi, Yoga and Pilates classes are held on a weekly basis by John Harrop and Garry Andrews and are a fantastic way to improve fitness and wellbeing.

The centre has a well stocked health shop providing healthy and allergy free foods, nutritional supplements and complimentary lifestyle products. You can rest assured you will receive knowledgeable and personal help and advice by experienced staff.

The centre also offers a wide range of healthy living workshops such as The Healing Power of Foods, Dowsing, Crystal Healing, The Gift of Presence, EFT, Creativity, Auras plus many more.

You can study nutrition and health with director Claire Whiles. Nutritional qualifications and awards accredited by The Royal Society for Public Health ranging from 1 day level 1 to Diploma level 4 by attendance or distance learning.

You can be sure of a friendly welcome at the centre so join us on a Wednesday. The first, third and fourth wed of every month enjoy Take 5 for 5 where you can relax and recharge your batteries and enjoy beverages and home made cakes for just £5. The second wed of every month Conversations that Count – led spiritual and personal development conversation topics with Valerie Coburn £10 to include beverages and home made cakes.

Claire and the team look forward to meeting you, so pop in and have a look and see the many things the centre has to offer.

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■ GILLIAN Penwell and Betty Read (right) from Weymouth and Portland Carers UK.

A STEADY stream of people attended a health information day to give their views on plans for NHS services in the Weymouth and Portland area.

More than a score of stands were on show at Redlands Community Sports Hub in Weymouth.

They ranged from carers' support groups, Age Concern and South West Dorset Talking Newspapers to the Citizens Advice Bureau, health screening, back pain treatment services and primary care mental health.

The event was organised by the Weymouth and Portland group of the Dorset Health Network whose spokesman Elise Ripley said: "We hope that the day has provided people with better information about the health services available to them in the community of Weymouth and Portland."

"One of the most important things on the day was to encourage people to sign up to the network so that they could remain in touch and contribute towards shaping health services that meet the needs of Weymouth and Portland."

A views board attracted comments about the need for more readily available stress courses and requests for everything from exercise on prescription to health visitors and more involvement with end of life care.

Stands showed many aspects of health services.

Community Angels co-ordinator the Rev Daile Wilshire said: "We are based at Preston and provide neighbourly support to the community with everything from gardening to befriending people. There has been a huge amount of interest in us today."

Gillian Penwell of Weymouth and Portland Carers UK said they were a strong group but needed carers to help restart the Weymouth group while Eleanor Smith of South West Dorset Talking Newspapers said they were a vital community link for the blind and partially sighted and the day had helped raise their profile.

Health screener nurse practitioner Heidi Crompton said the day had been a perfect opportunity to check people's health on the spot to get an early warning of any potential health problems while Weymouth-based Healthy Living Wessex director Debora Pattinson said it had been a great day.

She added: "We help people across Dorset feel better about their health and wellbeing by helping them to make lifestyle changes to improve their health."

Anyone able to help with Community Angels should ring 01305-837147 or for Weymouth and Portland Carers UK ring 01305 778208.



■ SUE Fuller gets her blood pressure checked by nurse practitioner Heidi Crompton.

Words and photos by Harry Walton



■ THE Reverend Daile Wilshire who co-ordinates Community Angels.



■ HEALTHY Living Wessex director Debora Pattinson.

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■ **TAKING THE PLUNGER:** Santa with mayor's escort Christopher Kenwood, Good Witch Chelsie Padley, The Mayor Councillor Anne Kenwood and Carnival Queen Nina Rezaei.



■ **ON SONG:** Members of the Sea Cadets Band brave the rain as they led the Christmas procession through Weymouth.

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THE brave members of the Sea Cadets Band led this year's procession of Weymouth's dignitaries and residents through the town's rain soaked streets for the annual Christmas lights switch-on.

Torrential rain could not dampen the spirits of Santa, the Mayor Councillor Anne Kenwood, Carnival Queen Nina Rezaei and panto's Good Witch Chelsie Padley as they pressed the plunger to illuminate the civic Christmas tree.

The procession then moved from Bond Street Square to switch-on the lights at Brewer's Quay, where St. Nicholas and St. Laurence school choir was confined, due to the rain.

They were joined by, amongst others, the cast members from Weymouth Pavilion's pantomime Wizard of Oz, town crier Doris Eastwood and Mayor's Escort Christopher Kenwood for a warming mince pie and cup of tea.

Councillor Kenwood said the Sea Cadets Band deserved medal for their part in the ceremony, adding: "They did so well to keep going despite the weather."



■ **WARMING UP:** members of St. Nicholas and St. Laurence school choir were confined by the rain to Brewer's Quay where they sang carols for the visitors.



■ **ILLUMINATED:** many of the town's families braved the torrential rain to witness the lighting up of the civic Christmas tree in Bond Street Square.

"I thought it was a great occasion. Unfortunately we couldn't anything about the weather, but people looked like they enjoyed themselves. The children seemed fascinated to see the cars go along."

A walking collection was taken for the Mayor's Christmas Fund, which will go towards helping give the borough's less fortunate residents something for Christmas via the Lions Club.

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Victory for cyclists but 'the fight goes on'

CYCLISTS are celebrating after by-laws were relaxed to allow them to cycle along the Preston sea wall promenade from December 13th.

Now riders say they will continue their battle of the bike and lobby Weymouth and Portland council to relax bylaws even further so they can ride right along the seafront to the Pavilion.

Nearly ten years have passed since cyclists were able to ride along Preston promenade and their spokesman Ken Read is looking forward to getting back in the saddle along this picturesque route.

Mr Read, who represents 300

by Harry Walton

members of the West Dorset section of the Cyclists' Touring Club and the Weymouth and Portland branch of the Dorset Cyclists' Network said: "We are delighted.

"Being able to ride again on Preston promenade is wonderful, but we will still fight for permission to ride right along to Brunswick Terrace and hopefully as far as the Pavilion.

"The council originally gave cyclists permission to do just that but later banned us from the entire route. Now they have relented and allowed

us to ride from Preston to the end of the road sea wall.

"Our task now is to convince the council that it should relax restrictions on the rest of the promenade, so Preston is a victory but the fight goes on."

Weymouth and Portland community safety spokesman Coun Ian James said: "We felt that relaxing by-laws to allow cyclists to use the Preston promenade was reasonable.

"We understand that cyclists would like to be able to ride further towards Brunswick Terrace and the Pavilion, but that is not possible at the moment under existing laws."



■ KEN READ (right) and fellow cyclists on Preston promenade.

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AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleven

Unwanted gifts

Once again, it is time to "Post early for Christmas". But what do we send and to whom? We all know the problem of choosing suitable gifts for those who seem to already have everything they need.

We could make a quick choice and think: "That will do for them". Or we might be more inventive and make an effort to select something that will give real pleasure.

Writing cards can also be a thoughtless chore; but how much better to send a heartfelt greeting with a personal message of appreciation. That kind always pleases me.

Of course, it does take time and effort to do something special. But what pleasure it gives to the recipient!

Sadly, many cards are quickly read, displayed for a few days and then consigned to the recycling bin. Even gifts are sometimes received with little or no appreciation.

One of my friends saw a notice in a charity shop that said "Bring your unwanted Christmas gifts here". She was deeply saddened with the thought that a specially chosen gift could be so easily discarded.

This Christmas, make sure that God's gift of a Saviour is not treated as an unwanted gift.



Museum book sale

■ HUNDREDS of volumes were on offer when the Friends of Weymouth Museum held their annual book sale.

The event raises money to support the museum and either buy equipment or more items for its collection.

Friends chairman David Riches said: "We have had a very good day despite the stormy weather.

"We hope to have raised at least £100 and the money will be put towards projects such as our recent purchase of four flat screen televisions for the museum.

"We have also just bought a public address system to help with teas and talks we give on behalf of the museum, so today's money will also help with that."

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Cash boost to help young people help themselves

PRO-ACTIVE young people from Weymouth's Anvil sheltered housing have received a huge boost in their efforts to hold a fundraising ball for their "Forget Me Not" campaign.

Residents of Sanderson House and Anvil House received the £1,000 cheque from Weymouth and Portland District Landlords' Association.

The cash boost will be added to the £200 and £500 donations from the Lion's Club and O2 respectively and will help fund the venue and costs of staging the ball.

Money from the event will enable charity Dorset ADHD, which takes over the running of the houses next February, to give "welcome packs" containing toiletries, food and essential items to new residents.

The charity will supply

by Paul Crompton

shelter and day-to-day living and learning skills to around 318 vulnerable 16-25 year-olds each year who suffer from ADHD, Aspergers and hidden impairments.

Dorset ADHD secretary, Justine Tucker, said: "The vulnerable young people who come to us each year have very little possessions, sometimes they literally have nothing after being chucked out of their homes."

"When they come to us we want to be able to give them a basket with all the essential items they will need to get them sorted, but as a charity, we need to be able to raise funds to accomplish that."

Organisers are hoping to raise £5,000 toward the cost of putting on the ball, which will include hot and cold food, live music and a

disco. During the evening a raffle will also be held with items donated from the borough's businesses.

The young residents will also be conducting a street collection between December 3rd - 5th and will be approaching businesses for financial assistance and raffle prizes.

Residents' spokeswoman Rosie Bennett said: "We didn't expect people to be this supportive of us. We've all been overwhelmed by it so far. We are really grateful to the Landlords' Association for this money."

The ball is scheduled for January 23rd, 2010 at Weymouth Pavilion's Ocean Room, and will cost £25 per ticket. For more information, to donate a raffle prize or to buy a ticket call 01305 768297 or 07854620142.



■ **FORGET ME NOT:** Dorset ADHD secretary, Justine Tucker with residents of Anvil sheltered housing Ms Bennett and Ms Newman receiving £1,000 from WPLLA's Chairman Brian Williams, watched by Dorset ADHD's project manager Amanda Legg.



Friends help clear the trail

WEYMOUTH'S popular Rodwell Trail route is looking a lot cleaner thanks to a rubbish pick event.

The Friends of Rodwell Train rallied round and collected litter to tidy up the former railway line.

Chairman Bernard Franklin said: "Holding regular litter picks helps to make a huge difference to the appearance of the trail."

"Last time we collected 13 big bags

of litter during the summer and the trail already needs doing again.

"It is very important to keep the route clean and tidy and the more we do then the tidier we hope that people will become."

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Those in the town oper-

by Harry Walton

ate in an arc from the ferry terminal to the railway station including both main streets.

A dozen staff monitor cameras day and night throughout the year, spot-

ting everything from drunks to accidents and potential terrorists as well as helping find lost children.

Recent incidents the cameras have guided po-

lice to range from assaults to criminal damage and from drugs to thefts.

Town centre violence is a key issue and cameras have not only reduced it since they arrived in 2001 but helped courts by providing crucial evidence to convict offenders.

Camera boss Grant Armfield said: "In the last three years we have provided 2,700 separate pieces of evidence to the courts which has helped to convict everyone from muggers, people committing unprovoked assaults and domestic violence to people urinating in the street."

He then put cameras through their paces one afternoon and evening to give us a different *View From Weymouth and Portland*.

The afternoon operation was relatively quiet but included a street search for suspected thieves in Weymouth and monitoring the progress of a fire engine on an emergency call in Portland.

Business was much brisker towards midnight and within seconds of ar-

iving at control the cameras caught one man so drunk he was being sick on the St Thomas Street pavement outside Tesco in full view of revellers at an office party although camera operators said it was still "too early for proper carnage".

It emerged that cameras have an important role to play with such drunks and rough sleepers because a very cold night can threaten life and the cameras are used to identify potential victims and either get them on their way home or in to a hostel.

During the night cameras – including three new ones on Portland installed ahead of the 2012 Olympics – showed the *View* how police on the ground were alerted to everything from drunken fights to vandalism including one very drunken man who relieved himself straight into the road near Town Bridge. Officers took him away "for a word".

The message was clear. Behave or face the consequences.



■ MORE than 800 people attended the carol service around the "Light Up A Life" tree

Tree to light up lives

MORE than 800 people gathered in Hope Square, Weymouth, to see the lights on a special Christmas tree switched on at a carol service.

The Light Up A Life tree displayed a host of lights, each one sponsored by people in memory of loved ones, friends or colleagues.

Money raised will go to help Weldmar Hospicecare Trust continue to provide specialist services and vital support to its patients and their families in time of need in their home or a hospice.

The lights were switched on by Weymouth and Portland Mayor Anne Kenwood who said: "The lights help us remember those we love who we

have lost. It really does light up lives."

The tree was one of four being lit around the county and Weldmar's Weymouth organiser Sue Leighton said: "We hope to raise thousands of pounds in total from the four trees."

"It is very special to a lot of people, both the carol service and the chance to dedicate a Christmas tree light to someone dear to them."

"We also write that person's name in our Book of Remembrance which will be on view from January 10th, 2010, at Trimar Hospice at Greenhill and at Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester."

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A WATCHFUL EYE: One of the team of 12 camera operators on duty.

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Volunteers commanding officer Paul Merry said: "Any new volunteers can expect to help us fire our two cannons – including our newly refurbished six-pounder – and to help us with the formation of a new military band.

"They will also take part in everything from musket firing drills to social events because a warm welcome awaits anyone who joins us."

The group also needs extra members because its growing popularity has already seen it booked for 11 events in 2010.

Mr Merry said: "This year we have done six major events and we already have double that for 2010 and the year hasn't even started yet.

"It is a great group, very rewarding, very interesting and a great fun and social outlet."

The group meets every second and fourth Sunday of the month to fire its cannons and muskets and to practice drill.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact 01305 777328.

New centre for wellbeing



■ SPIRITUAL HEALLING: Claire Whiles and interfaith minister Valerie Coburn during the blessing of newly opened Nutritrain Southwest Centre for Health and Wellbeing

Three car collision

SEVERE storms at the weekend left a Weymouth woman needing hospital treatment when her car was involved in a three car collision.

Fire crews cut the woman free before being placed on a spinal board and flown to hospital by air ambulance following after heavy rain storms caused the roads to flood on the A35 near Bloxworth.

She is thought to have suffered minor neck injuries in the smash on the flooded stretch of the road between the Bere Regis and the Bakers Arm roundabout just before 10.30 Sunday morning.

The crash also involved a vehicle carrying five children all under the age of 10 but luckily no-one else was seriously injured.

The road was closed for several hours as a precautionary measure for other motorists.

TK Max in town

A NATIONAL fashion retailer is set to move into Weymouth after Christmas, having secured a prominent site in the town centre.

The TK Max discount store, which is set to move into the vacated Woolworths site in Bond Street, will bring with it a number of jobs opportunities.

The move could see an increase in trade for other shops in the town as customers from outside the borough become attracted into the town to snap up bargains at the store.

by Paul Crompton

WEYMOUTH'S first centre for those interested in health, wellbeing and complementary therapy has opened.

Interfaith minister Valerie Coburn was on hand to perform a spiritual blessing as around 200 people gathered to celebrate the opening of the Nutritrain Southwest centre for Health and Wellbeing.

Claire Whiles, centre director, said: "I am delighted to have a wonderful team on board at the centre offering many therapies including massage, psychic readings, counselling, crystal healing and my nu-

tritional therapy consultations and allergy testing."

As well as the health food store, which caters for special diets and healthy foods, the shop also sells a wide range of crystals and offers a variety of classes and workshops.

These include Royal Society for Public Health accredited courses and fitness programmes such as tai chi, yoga and pilates.

For more information on the centre, which is open six days a week during the day and evening, contact Claire on 01305 839394 or visit www.nutritrainsouthwest.co.uk

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Completely sick of the new gold rush

IF I see one more advert for scrap gold on the television I shall scream!

Gushing tributes from this "lucky" divorcee flogging off her first wedding ring to that expert talking about the rocketing price of gold have left me really brassed off.

You can't watch a commercial station without being importuned for your spare gold and I've lost count of the conversations I've heard round Weymouth between people who are wary of the gold grab and others who are quite clearly tempted by the prospect of what seems to be easy cash.

Naturally I've got tons of the stuff lying around in the garden in heaps just beneath my rainbow.

Things are now so bad that, even though Christmas is barely three weeks away, there appear to be more gold adverts than toy adverts and that takes some doing.

We've even had flyers through the letterbox offering to buy any unwanted gold we have. I mean, I ask you! Unwanted gold!

So I'd like to announce that I've carefully gone through the entire house, put all our spare gold into sacks and done a fantastic swap deal with a very nice man who knocked on our front door.

I'm now waiting for our magic beans to grow...

It's easy to support this really worthwhile charity

A STROLL round a recent health day saw me stumble across a really great little charity called Tools With A Mission.

They take everything from old typewriters to sewing machines or garden tools and give them to less fortunate people all over the world so they

can earn a living and support themselves.

Items sent recently ranged from knitting machines, computers and printers to kits for mechanics, metalworkers, leather workers, plumbers, carpenters and builders as well as bicycles and repair kits,

wheelchairs, drills, school books and sewing kits. The list is endless.

What struck me was how useful this charity really is.

For instance. Many people who love gardening have tools standing idle in a shed or garage when they finally have to

give their pastime up. So why not give them to TWAM and take pleasure in somebody else putting them to really good use?

If you feel the same way and have any of the items mentioned then give John and Wendy Hilton a ring on 01305-267098.

Feeling partial to a Polish plum

CHRISTMAS can be a time for treats if you can find what you like. Some time ago I became very partial to Polish plums in chocolate which could be bought from a shop in Weymouth town centre.

Then they suddenly became unavailable and I was told that the Poles had woken up to how good they were and the amount being exported had plunged.

I tried everything to get a box from asking friends going to Poland to get me one to ringing up expensive outlets in the hope its rarity value might have encouraged them to stock a box, but not a nibble.

Years went by and I had almost forgotten about them, but times change and the Polish community in Weymouth is strong enough

now to have seen a Polish delicatessen open in King Street.

I had a few minutes spare the other day and dropped in to ask about the chocolates.

Yes they had some in, I was told, and two boxes were promptly snapped up on the spot before the mirage could disappear. Thank you Santa!

I'll stick to the Bordeaux!

SEX can now be bought on a coat hanger in Weymouth.

Two women were in a store's fashion department and the key topic of conversation was the weekend's night out in the town.

Both were apparently in the market for new outfits but neither wanted to appear "tarty" and so were asking each other's advice.

"Do you think this shows my boobs too much?" asked one and was reassured she was OK only to be asked in turn for her opinion on a skirt which, to say the least, appeared to be slashed some way beyond daring.

The reply was: "All men want really is beer and sex, so if you buy that all you've got to worry about is the beer!"

This convulsed them both and each headed for the till leaving me to contemplate a somewhat less racy evening in with only a rather nice glass of Bordeaux to shield me from the hysteria of Strictly X Factor. It's a hard life.

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12th Annual Christmas Tree Festival

The Festival attracts visitors to the town from far and wide. The organisers know of a family from the Western Isle of Scotland who have booked their flights and holiday to visit Bridport during the event.

At Sunday's services the congregations will be invited to make donations for a school for the blind in Bethlehem. A nativity presentation by stepping stones pre-school will be held on Monday at 11am. A new event will take place on Tuesday with Bridport Primary School Choir will sing carols at 1.30pm; this will be followed in the evening by the Bridport Women's Institute annual carol service.



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Christmas in Bridport

Bridport Christmas Festival Wednesday, December 9th

PREPARATIONS are going well to make this year's Bridport Christmas Festival the biggest yet. The festival will take place on Wednesday, December 9th starting with live music in Bucky Doo Square at 6pm before the light switch on by Bridport Mayor Martin Ray.

The main events will take place in the centre of town with music in Bucky Doo, a visit from Santa himself and activities in the arts centre, museum and the Electric Palace.

As well as the usual variety of stalls this year there will be the children's grotto, fair ground rides, Punch and Judy and face painting & card making will be run by the Japanese Exchange Group. There will also be live performances on the night from the St Swithun's Band, Bridport Schools Choir, St Mary's Singing Group and many more, all expertly compered by this year's host Grayham Rosamond.

The Bridport Museum will be open all day for children's events as will shops for late night shopping, pubs and restaurants for festive food and drink and the town's annual Christmas Tree Festival, now in its 12th year, is on in the United Church.

Festival organiser Frances Pearsall said: "Hopefully this will be the biggest festival yet. I took over two years ago and we have been building on our success each year. We have over 30 stalls already booked this year and people have had lots of people approaching me to book a space.

"We have a really good line up in the square this year, and we have a very varied line up of stalls this year with lots of craft stalls as well as charities.

"We have asked shops not taking part to leave their lights on again to keep the town lit up and we will be using the Amsafe car park for fairground rides for the first time."

Malabar Trading

Malabar Trading is brimming with wonderful and unusual gifts for giving this Christmas. There are finely painted Kashmiri boxes and decorations as well as paisley shawls and scarves. There are also hand-painted Blue pottery soapdishes and blockprinted spongebags. Turkish towels, tiles and candlelamps, Tagines and Moroccan ceramics, tea glasses and lanterns and a wide range of Japanese bowls. There are cotton filled quilts and vintage hand stitched gudri quilts, embroidered suzani cushions and hangings and Turkish saddlebag cushions.

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Stocking presents include tin toys for grown ups, beautiful soaps and scented candles.



Schedule for Bridport Christmas Festival, Buckydoo Square:

5.45pm - St Mary's Singing Group

6pm - Mayor switches on lights and St. Swithun's Band plays until 6.30pm

6.05pm - Sleigh with Santa arrives and is greeted by the Mayor

6.30 - 6.50pm - Bridport Schools Choir

**6.50pm - 7.30pm - Symondsburys Mimmers
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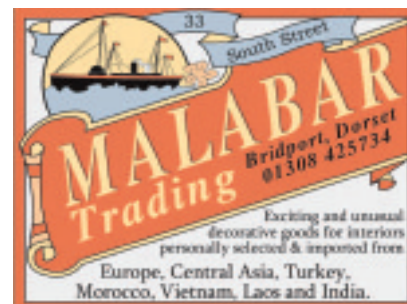
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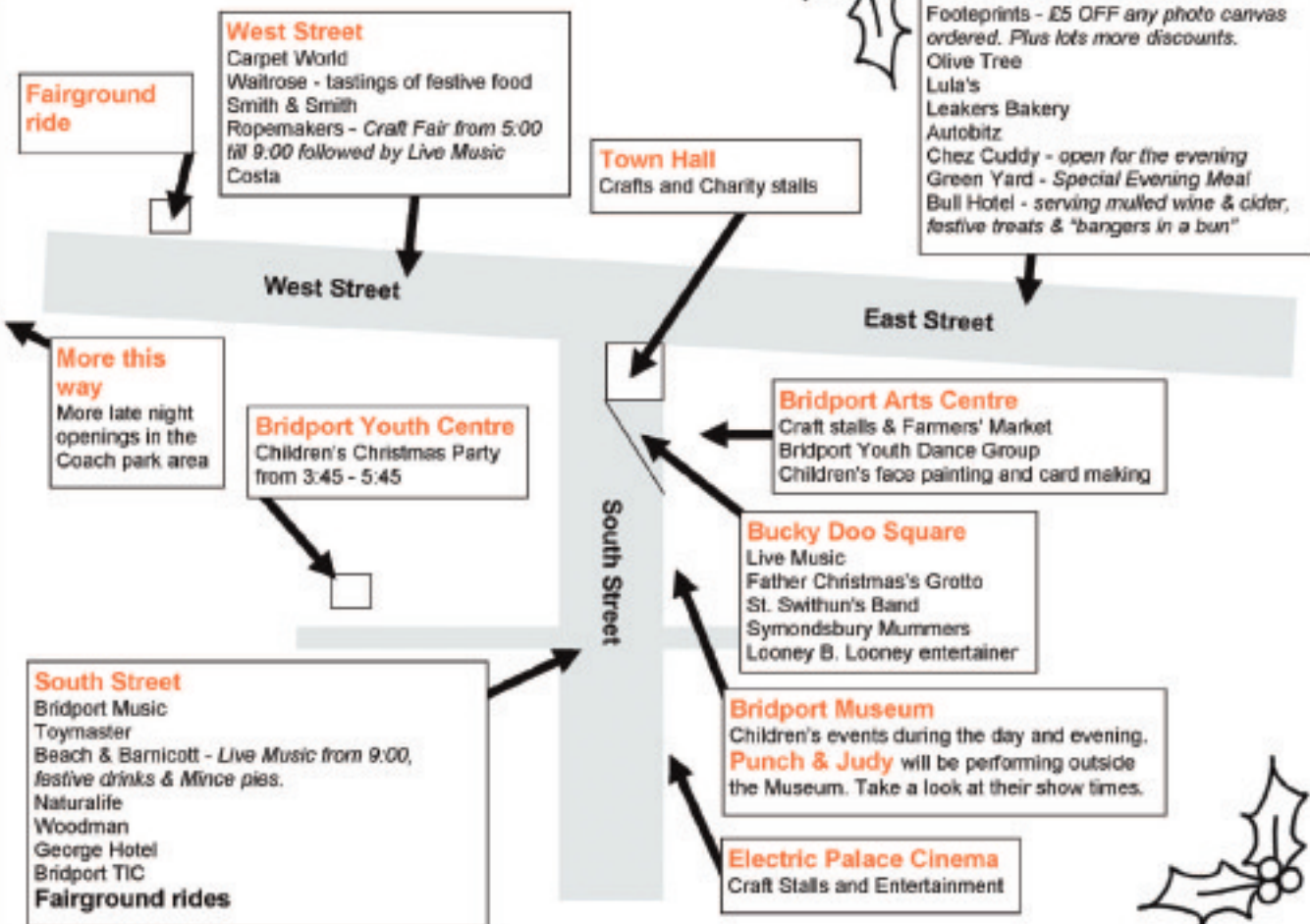
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Festival Schedule

3:45 till 5:45pm	Children's Christmas Party in Bridport Youth Centre
5:45pm	St Mary's Singing Group in Bucky Doo Square
6:00pm	Mayor switches on lights accompanied by St Swithun's Band in Bucky Doo Square
6:05pm	Father Christmas arrives on his sleigh and is greeted by the Mayor in Bucky Doo Square
6:30pm	Bridport Schools' Choir in Bucky Doo Square
6:50pm	Symondsbury Mummers Perform in Bucky Doo Square
7:30pm	Sing/Acappella. Live Music in Buckydoo Square
7:45pm	St Swithun's Band with the New Elizabethan Singers
8:15pm	Sing-along finale. Join the whole town for a sing around the Christmas tree in Bucky Doo square
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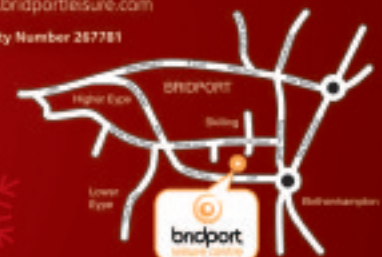
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BRAISED oxtail may not be the obvious choice for a salad but I've often made this when I have left over braised oxtail

from a dinner.

It can be served in summer or winter you just need to change your vegetables according to the season.

For the braised oxtail

1kg oxtail, cut into 2-3cm thick pieces and trimmed of any excess fat

1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed

1 teaspoon thyme leaves
60g butter, plus more for the carrots
50g flour, plus a little extra for dusting
2 teaspoons tomato purée
100ml wine
2 litres beef stock or a couple of good quality stock cubes, dissolved in 2 litres hot water
salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the salad

A handful of small salad and herb leaves
1 carrot, peeled and finely shredded into matchstick like strips
1 turnip, finely shredded into matchstick like strips

For the dressing

1 tablespoon cider vinegar
Teaspoon English mustard
3 tablespoons extra vir-

gin rapeseed oil

First braise the oxtail: Preheat the oven to 220°C/gas 7. Season the pieces of oxtail and lightly dust them with flour.

Roast in the oven for 30 minutes, turning them half way through to make sure they're nicely coloured on both sides.

Meanwhile heat the 60g butter in sauce pan and gently cook the onion, garlic and thyme for 3-4 minutes until soft, stirring every so often. Add the flour and tomato purée and stir well.

Gradually add in the wine and stock, stirring well to avoid lumps forming, and bring to the boil.

Add the pieces of oxtail then simmer gently on a low heat for about 2 hours (you could use a pressure cooker for this, it would cook in half the



time) Check the pieces of oxtail. The meat should be tender and easily removed from the bone; if not, replace the lid and cook for another 15 minutes or so.

Drain the oxtail in a colander over a bowl to reserve the sauce.

When the oxtail is cool enough to handle remove the pieces of meat from the bone and place in a saucepan with a little of the sauce.

Make the dressing by whisking all of the ingredients together and seasoning.

Toss the salad leaves, carrots and turnip with the dressing and arrange in the centre of the serving plates. Reheat the oxtail a little and spoon piles around the salad with a small amount of sauce just coating the meat then spoon a little more dressing over the oxtail.



A Summer or winter salad - Oxtail salad

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Christmas In Charmouth

Thursday, December 3rd - Victorian Late Night Christmas Shopping & Switch on of the Lights

CHRISTMAS in Charmouth kicks off tomorrow (Dec 3rd) with the Victorian Late Night Christmas Shopping and lights switch on.

The Charmouth Traders Association will be following up on last year's successful event with all the village shops being open until 8pm, as well as a wide variety of stalls, run by local clubs and associations plus other crafts from people living in and around the village.

Everyone is invited to join whether in normal dress or Victorian guise, for mulled wine and mince pies, BBQ and carols, plus some live music, treasure hunt and yuletide entertainment.

St Andrews church is hosting Art from the Attic hoping to raise funds for the church.

The Streets Christmas Lights will be switched on at 5.30pm by Local Parish Council Chairman, Mallory Haytor and Santa will arrive shortly after to start the evening and greet all the children to distribute gifts from his grotto in traditional manner.

Tickets are already being sold for the Grand Raffle, with superb prizes, ranging from a holiday, dinner for two at a local restaurant, food, drink and goodie hamper, bottles, books and toys for all ages, which will help to raise funds for village causes. Further tickets will be sold on the night and drawn at 7.45pm.

Christmas Celebrations will continue throughout December with the highlight of the Charmouth Christmas Calendar on the big day itself.

The annual Christmas Day Swim will be held at the beach at 11am sharp on Christmas morning.

Swimmers are encouraged to wear fancy dress and hot toddlers will be waiting for those who take part.

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Late night shopping timetable:

5.30 - Mallory Haytor Ch. Parish Council rings bell in street and announces lighting up - Father Christmas arrives and evening commences

5.45 - 'Saxbusters' Wendy Knee and friends playing live outside Grotto to start the evening off with some live music.

6.30 - Carols under the tree for everyone. Organised by Mike Whatmore and players

7.15 - MAD singing songs from their forthcoming show

7.45 - 8pm - Prize draw by Santa who will leave after



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Most people will probably know Mike Denham as the pianist with the very popular Sunset Cafe Stompers jazz band who recently celebrated their 20th anniversary.

Mike's brother is the Right Honourable John Denham, MP for Southampton and currently Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in Gordon Brown's cabinet.

Mike admires John's determination to follow his political career, which has resulted in his brother reaching the pinnacle in politics, but it was not the road Mike chose to follow.

He cites the poem "The Road Not Travelled" by American poet Robert Frost as being a big influence in his life.

He said: "The poem is about someone who comes to a fork in a forest track and must choose between two equally intriguing paths. He knows there won't be time in life to come back and try the other one."

"I've always wanted to explore as many paths as possible. I have four

strands of interest in my life and I wanted to develop those to the best of my ability - whilst still living in one of the best parts of the country - Dorset. Having travelled a good part of the way through my personal forest by now, I'm hopeful I've chosen the right paths."

Mike was born in Seaton, Devon but moved to Uplyme when he was about six-years-old when his father Ted was appointed headmaster at Mrs Ethelston's Primary School, together with his mum Beryl and John.

"It was fantastic for John and I to roam the village as young boys where we used to explore the river, play cricket and get up to a host of other things," he said. "In those days the worst thing our parents had to worry about was us falling into a pool or something."

"Everybody you met in the village would speak to you, and I found it strange when I went to university in 'the big city' of Exeter where only friends from uni would acknowledge you. I think we really benefitted from living in Up-

This week STUART BROOM talks to MIKE DENHAM. Despite having been at school together they have not seen each for forty years. Mike reflects on how a Robert Frost poem influenced his decision on his life and how he has no regrets

lyme. It was a brilliant place to grow up in."

Mike's father was an influence in two of the strands of his life, which became so important to him - cricket and music.

He said: "Dad was a very good musician who played the violin and guitar, and around the age of eight encouraged me to take up the piano, partly I think because he needed an accompanist. Mr Saunders from Yawl was my tutor and I found I had an aptitude for it."

"Being a Yorkshireman, dad was also very keen on cricket and taught me to play."

Ted was a very accomplished batsman and, having played at Seaton, joined Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club when he moved to the village.

Said Mike: "I don't think I would have become involved had it not been for dad's encouragement. I'm also extremely grateful to

Brian Newbery who gave me the opportunity at schoolboy level and I had the honour of playing for both Dorset as I went to Lyme Regis Grammar School; and Devon because I lived in the county."

At school Mike's musical talents also blossomed and music teacher Brian Manners was very encouraging.

It was another teacher who inspired Mike to become involved in his third interest. Chemistry teacher Ian McConachie had previously worked in industry as a chemical engineer and his enthusiasm and skill in the laboratory made a big impression with Mike.

After leaving school he went to Exeter University to study chemical engineering, and having earned his degree, then spent another three years successfully gaining his doctorate (PhD).

Whilst there, he continued with his cricket and music.

The highlight playing for the university cricket team was to play at Trent Bridge against Loughborough in the final of the British Universities Trophy, which they lost.

As wicket keeper/batsman, he was succeeded in the team by Paul Downton, who went on to play for England.

Musically he met a student who played with the Teign Valley Stompers, an up and coming jazz band that eventually turned professional, and used to play with them on many occasions.

"They played trad and ragtime and I liked the fact that you need to be disciplined when playing jazz," he said. "But at the same time have the opportunity to be individual in solo interludes."

It was also at university that he met his wife Julia, a fellow student, and they married before he finished his doctorate.

On qualifying he took a research job with British Gas in Solihull near Julia's home town of Birmingham, before moving to a Leicester company who designed nuclear power stations.

Here he continued his musical career by joining the famous Eric Dolby Jazzmen. This band would often invite guest stars to join them, and as a result Mike ended up playing with among others Humphrey Lyttleton and Ken Colyer.

Mike however yearned

to return to Dorset and after four years took a job as a researcher at the nuclear power centre at Winfrith.

He recalled: "I had a lot of responsibility and I travelled around Europe and to the USA on a variety of interesting projects."

Mike's expertise was put to good use on the designing of the pressurised water reactor at Sizewell in the mid 80s. His team successfully demonstrated that if the nuclear reactor lost all its cooling water it would not cause a meltdown or pose any serious threat to the public, an important aspect in the government issuing the site a license.

By now the fourth strand of Mike's life was complete with the birth of his two sons; Andrew, a carpenter who now lives in mid-Wales with his two children, and Matthew who works in IT in Bristol.

Back in Dorset Mike returned to playing cricket for Uplyme and he captained the side for a number of years.

"It was handy for us as we were able to visit my parents whilst I was also able to play cricket," he said. "It was great fun and there was wonderful camaraderie among the team. I also had the satisfaction of being able to contribute my project management skills to the team that built the new pavilion at the ground, inspired by Dennis Applebee who was a great servant of the cricket club."

A great highlight of Mike's cricket career was appearing for the club at Lords, the home of cricket, in September 1986 to celebrate their centenary year where they played Cross Arrows, a team which included county players and which was captained by John Stephenson, who became secretary of the MCC and the International Cricket Council.

Mike's day was crowned by scoring a century on the hallowed turf.

"It was a fabulous day out for the club and a coach full of supporters; which for me was topped off by scoring the century," he said.

In a quest to play the best cricket he could, Mike finished his career at Weymouth where he played Dorset Premier league cricket for several years.

"The standard was higher but the teas were not so good," he confessed.

In the late 80s Mike encountered a trumpet player he had played with in the Midlands, Alan Potton.

They formed the Sunset Cafe Stompers and soon secured a regular booking from Ray Buzza at the Bull Hotel in Bridport where they played for 15 years until new owners bought the business.

Such was the growing



success of his musical work, both solo and with bands, Mike found it difficult to fit it around his full-time job at Winfrith and with the decline of nuclear power at that time due to cheap North Sea Gas he accepted redundancy in 1999.

Whilst the switch from nuclear power to gas resulted in Mike leaving the industry he knew, it was in fact a blessing in disguise and opened another door for him.

Using his experience from Winfrith, he set up a consultancy business to help North Sea oil and gas producers decide which wells they should drill and what type of production platforms to build for each field, which he ran for eight years.

Said Mike: "My background in decision-making on big investments and running engineering projects in my previous job was of great benefit, and I found the work fascinating and very stimulating."

"With the growth of e-mail I was able to work from home a lot and just travel to Aberdeen for meetings which suited me fine, and gave me the time and opportunity to fit in concerts at places like London's Purcell Room and jazz festivals all over the UK."

More attractive gig offers came in and Mike decided to concentrate on his music.

The Sunset Cafe Stompers celebrated their 20th anniversary this year and continue to be extremely popular working extensively all over Dorset and Somerset, including a regular gig at Winyards Gap, Chedington where you can see them on the second Monday of every month.

Mike is pleased to see that despite New Orleans

jazz being seen as an older person's music in this area, there are plenty of young musicians following on, doing things their way.

"There are some very good young musicians and bands playing New Orleans jazz, ragtime and boogie, particularly in London," said Mike, known in the band as "The Professor" an honorary title given to pianists in the red light district of New Orleans.

Although his father Ted died a few years ago, mum Beryl still lives in Uplyme and is well known in the area.

"Mum looked after us at home until we grew up and then blossomed through her involvement in the community," said Mike. "She is very community spirited and besides being current Chair of Uplyme Parish Council, she has captained Lyme Regis Golf Club and is actively involved in the Royal British Legion, and the Horticultural Society."

Looking back on his life so far, Mike recalls the words of Robert Frost:

"I shall be telling this with a sigh

Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—

I took the one less travelled by.

And that has made all the difference."

Mike often wonders - as in the Frost poem - what would have happened if he'd chosen another path, but says: "I've been lucky to have been given several talents, and I'm glad I've been able to use each one. I might not have reached the top in any field, but I wouldn't have wanted it any other way."



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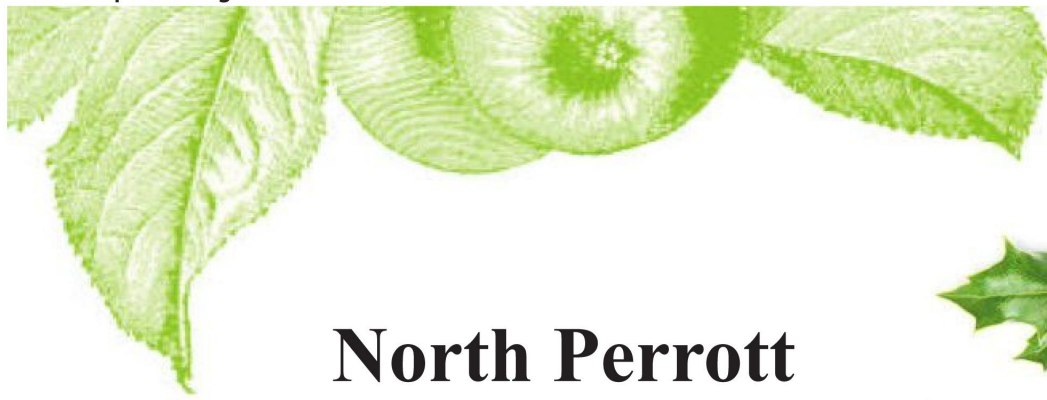
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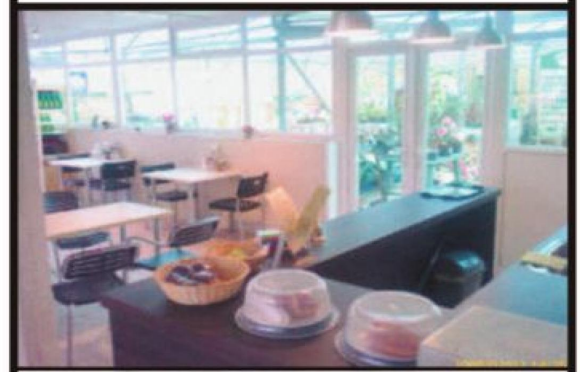
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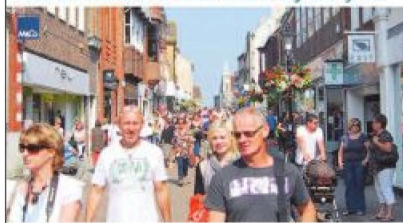
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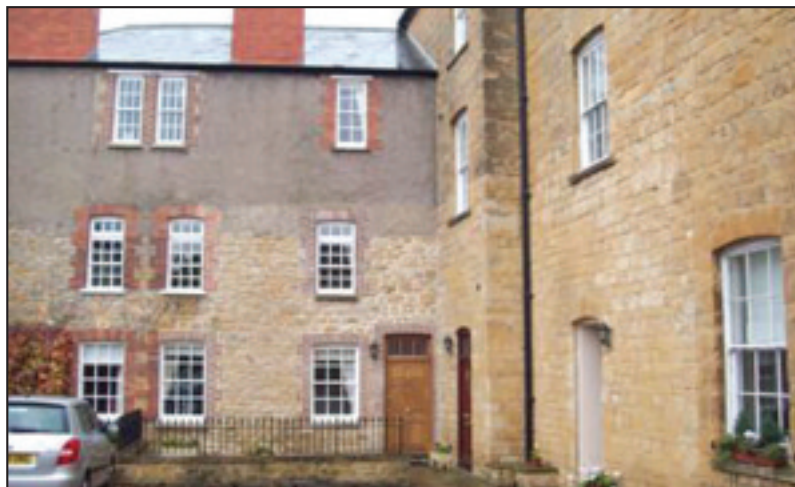
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BRIDPORT

£625 pcm



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£850 pcm



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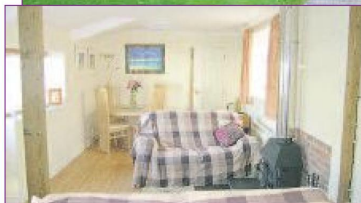
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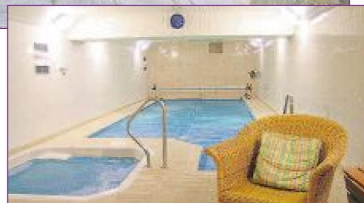


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LYME REGIS Guide price £395,000



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- Potential to Develop Attic Space

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- Freehold of the Building
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- About Half a Mile from Town
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- Bathroom
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- Good Location close to Town
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Parking
- uPVC D/G & Gas CH
- Internal Updating Required

BRIDPORT £240,000



- Detached 4 Bed Home
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Large Conservatory
- Lounge & Cloakroom
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- Garage & Enclosed Garden

BRIDPORT Guide price £400,000



- Detached Home with Views
- 4-5 Bedrooms – Two En-Suites
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LYME REGIS - £650,000



- Established guest house
- 1920's detached property
- Popular location close to the town
- Self-contained annexe / owners' accommodation
- 6 letting rooms with facilities
- Residents lounge and dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen with built-in appliances
- Breakfast room and sun lounge
- Sea and woodland views
- Ample parking and double garage
- Front and rear garden
- Gas CH and Double glazing



UPLYME - £325,000



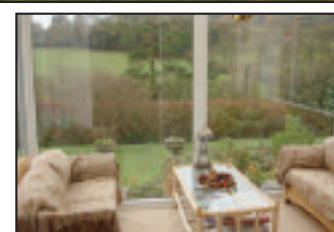
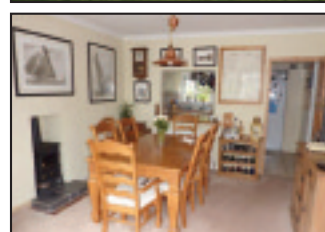
- Entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Large loft space that could provide additional accommodation (subject to necessary conditions)
- Attractive gardens
- Garage and parking

UPLYME - £675,000



- Entrance Hall
- Drawing Room
- Dining Room • Study
- Kitchen • Utility
- Conservatory
- Master Bedroom
- Three Further Bedrooms One With Ensuite
- Two Family Bathrooms
- Swimming Pool
- Gardens
- Summer House.

UPLYME - OIRO £430,000



- Situated on the edge of the village is this impressive 1920s detached house standing in large gardens of approximately 1/2 an acre with delightful views across the valley.
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility/cloakroom
- Master bedroom
- Two further bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Large gardens
- Double garage
- uPVC double glazing
- Propane gas central heating

ROUSDON - £685,000



- Reception hall
- Drawing room
- Dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility room
- Study
- Cloakroom
- Four double bedrooms
- Two en-suites
- Family bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Gardens
- Double garage
- Parking

LYME REGIS - £327,000



- Entrance Porch
- Sitting Room
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Utility room
- Garden Room
- Enclosed Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

LYME REGIS - £275,000



- Sitting Room
- Dining Room/Bedroom 3
- Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- En Suite Bathroom
- Shower Room
- Car Parking
- Communal Gardens

LYME REGIS - £295,000



- This self contained 2 bedroomed first floor apartment occupies an enviable position on the Marine Parade enjoying panoramic sea views across the bay.
- Newly fitted kitchen / breakfast room
- Newly fitted bathroom
- Living room with large bay window
- Two bedrooms

LYME REGIS - £149,500



- A two bedroom first floor flat with parking situated on the mostly level riverside walk into the town and seafont.
- Entrance porch
- Living room
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Shower room
- Parking

LYME REGIS - £575,000



- Entrance hallway
- Cloakroom
- Study
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Utility room
- Master bedroom
- Four further bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Double garage
- Gardens

CHARDSTOCK - £495,000



- Village location
- Individual detached bungalow
- Self contained studio annex
- Detached garage with planning permission
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Dining room
- uPVC wood grain effect double glazing throughout
- Impressive sun lounge/ conservatory
- Three bedroom master en suite
- Family bathroom

UPLYME - £395,000



- Newly built detached house
- Living room with high ceiling
- Kitchen/ dining room
- Utility room
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- 3 further bedrooms
- Integral garage and parking
- Gardens
- Far reaching views



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CHARMOUTH - £460,000



A charming, Grade II listed, 3 bedroom period Property with coastal views. Master bedroom with ensuite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, lounge with dining area, kitchen, cloakroom, private garden and garage. The property benefits from gas-fired central heating, while still retaining original period features.

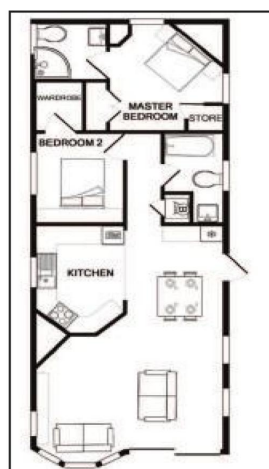
CHARMOUTH - £295,000



A modern semi-detached house situated close to the village amenities and a level walk to the beach

- Entrance Hall
- Dining/Sun Room
- Patio Garden
- Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Parking
- Living Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Double-Glazing
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas-Fired Central-Heating

CHARMOUTH - £110,000



Brand new 2 bed HOLIDAY LODGE located on popular coastal holiday park

- Open Plan Living Area
- Lounge
- Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Further Double Bedroom
- Bathroom Fully Furnished
- Full use of Newlands

CHARMOUTH - OIEO £330,000



An attractive detached 2 bed bungalow with development potential to garage+workshop, with coastal views on the west side of Charmouth.

- Entrance Sun Room
- Hallway
- Kitchen • Utility
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Shower Room
- Second Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Workshop/Office • Cellar
- Mature Gardens with Coastal Views

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CHARMOUTH - £150,000



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NEW!



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DORCHESTER: Dorchester Town Football Club are holding their grand Christmas Bingo at the Jewson Stadium. Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes open at 7.30pm. Lots of festive prizes and cash jackpots - all ages welcome.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4TH

LYME REGIS: Tom Gordon to give presentation at Woodmead Halls - organised by Lyme Photographic Club. From 7.30pm. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5TH

BRIDPORT: Church Christmas Tree Fayre at Bridport United Church Hall from 10am - 1pm. Telephone 01308 424551 for more details.

LYME REGIS: Coffee Morning at the Royal Lion Hotel at 10am in aid of Lyme Regis Majorettes

MONDAY DECEMBER 7TH

LYME REGIS: Christmas Bingo at the Woodmead Halls, doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society talk "History of Bridport Museum & collections" by Alice Martin, Curator, at 2.30pm in United Church Main Hall, East Street. Visitors welcome £2. Telephone 01308 488034 or 456876 for more details.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH

LYME REGIS: Save the Children - Mince Pies and Coffee Morning at the Baptist Church Hall, Cnr Silver Street and Sherborne Lane. 10am - 12noon. Telephone 01297 560694 or 560402 for more details.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH

BRIDPORT: Christmas Coffee Morning with various stalls at Bridport United Church Hall from 10am - 12noon. In aid of Action for Children. Telephone 01308 423250 for more details.

BRIDPORT: Barnardos Bridport branch is holding a mince pies and coffee morning with live music from West Dorset Music Centre at the Town Hall from 10am - 12noon. There will also be a raffle and christmas cards for sale.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH

LYME REGIS: Peter Wiles presents 'The Works' plus Xmas party at the Community Hall, Halletts Court from 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH

BRIDPORT: Sing for Marie Curie at Bridport United Church Hall. Everybody welcome to join in carols.

THE ACTING CALEDONIANS CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME: MOTHER GOOSE

THE Acting Caledonians of Weymouth are presenting their 38th pantomime - Mother Goose - which promises to be a riot of fun and drama suitable for all ages. All profits go to two deserving charities: Early Birds and Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Tickets at the door or phone 01305 784187. Performances at The United Reformed Church Hall, Spa Road, Radipole, Weymouth on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30, Thursday 10th December at 7.30, Friday 11th December and Saturday 12th December at 2.30.

Wyke Regis Street Fayre

WEYMOUTH'S annual Wyke Regis street fayre will be held this Sunday (December 6th) starting at noon.

There are twice as many stalls this year as there were in 2008 with a wide range of crafts, food and drink.

All Saints choir and organist will give a recital in the church while there will be singing from Island Voices and Wyke Junior School in the Square.

A Wyke Then and Now exhibition and a children's Christmas card competition as well as more stalls and refreshments will be held in the hall.

Father Christmas will be in attendance and the popular children's fancy dress competition will again be held while curry, chilli, mulled wine and mince pies will all be available.

This strong community event includes local groups and societies as well as local business and local and national charities.

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LOCAL CHILDREN IN PAVILION PANTO

STAGECOACH Theatre schools in Weymouth and Dorchester are in the final preparation stage for the local panto "Wizard of Oz" which opens on December 17th at the Weymouth Pavilion. The children will be playing the part of Munchkins in the Land of Oz between December 27th and 30th.

Twenty children have been rehearsing on a weekly basis since early October at the Wey Valley School and Dorchester Middle School.

Lindy Carr of Weymouth Stagecoach said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to gain some real experience of a professional theatre pro-

duction - they are having great fun but learning at the same time."

The Wizard of Oz is turning out to be a local favourite with it returning again this year. Joel Beckett from BBC's East Enders will be performing in his first pantomime, taking on the role of the Wizard of Oz himself. Michelle Whitney will be taking that giant step over the rainbow as the day dreaming Dorothy.

Tickets are available from : www.weymouth.gov.uk Weymouth Pavilion box office 01305 783225.

Walk off Christmas for charity

WELDMAR Hospicecare Trust are launching their third 'Seasonal Circuit' men only sponsored walk which will take place on Saturday, January 2nd. The walk will be started by Councillor Anne Kenwood, Mayor of Weymouth and Portland, at 10am from Weymouth Pavilion.

Walkers will be led by Paul Moxham who was part of the winning British team that undertook the 'Race to the North Pole' challenge in 2008 and the route will proceed along the beautiful seafront to Oasis Café at Overcombe corner (6K) or for those who like more of a challenge, to the Riviera Hotel, Bowleaze Cove (10K) and return to the Pavilion.

After the Christmas and New Year festivities a brisk walk along Weymouth seafront will help to work off the calories and provide an ideal excuse to get out into the fresh air, or you may be looking for an ideal excuse to avoid the January sales! To register please contact the Fundraising Office 01305 215315 or visit our website

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The first half will end with Wham's ever popular 'Wake me up before you go-go' in a lively and interesting arrangement by international conductor and arranger Philip Harper. Philip led his second successful workshop with the band earlier this year. In this arrangement, the audience will hopefully be thrilled by the band's vocal talents as well as their instrumental!

This year for the first time, the Band welcomes as its compere local personality and entertainer Roy Webber. As well as the musical introductions, Roy will also present two entertainment spots of his own. If you enjoy a good carol-sing, there will be plenty of opportunities for you with the inclusion of many old favourites throughout the evening. Other classic arrangements from the band will include 'Let it Snow', 'O Holy Night' and 'Winter Wonderland', not forgetting the nostalgic 'White Christmas', which will evoke memories of Christmases past for many listeners.

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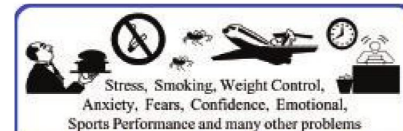
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RENAULT LAUNCHES SPECIAL EDITION LAGUNA COUPE

- **New entry-level Coupé dCi 150 launched at £19,995 MRRP**
- **Carminat TomTom fitted as standard**
- **Over £2,100 saving on previous dCi 150 version**
- **Available to order now with first deliveries from January**
- **Renault pre-empt the Christmas sales with the introduction of a new entry level version of its stunning Laguna Coupé. The Coupé TomTom is based on the dCi 150 with the addition of Renault's innovative Carminat TomTom system, automatic parking brake and stylish satin chrome centre console.**

PRICED from just £19,995 on-the-road, the Coupé TomTom represents a saving of over £2,100 compared to the previous entry-level version when equipped to a similar level.

As befits a luxury coupé, standard equipment levels are already impressive. The Coupé TomTom also includes Arkamys 3D Sound 140W audio system with MP3 CD reader and Bluetooth, 18" 'Interlagos' alloy wheels, eight airbags, automatic lights and wipers, dual zone climate control, electric heated door mirrors, MP3 player connection, rear parking sensors, Super Fold rear seat system and xenon headlights.

As well as its generous equipment list, the Laguna Coupé TomTom offers ample opportunity to tailor versions to individual tastes

through several options including cruise control with speed limiter (£250), metallic paint (£395), Multi-functional TunePoint (£175), hands free card (£250) and tyre pressure monitor

(£250).

The stylish coupé undercuts its rivals, the BMW 320d SE by a significant £8,535 (£28,530 OTR) and Peugeot 407 Sport HDi 163 by £2,995 (£22,990 OTR).

New Laguna Coupé TomTom is available to order now with first deliveries due in January. For more information, visit www.renault.co.uk or your nearest Renault dealer.



Renault also launches entry-level new Megane Sport Tourer Extreme

NEW entry-level Mégane Sport Tourer Extreme launches with 1.6 100 petrol and 1.5 dCi 86 diesel engine, costing £14,935 and £16,685 respectively - £1,000 less than Expression model. Core equipment includes: 4x15W radio with RDS and CD, air conditioning, ESP and front electric windows. Renault has boosted the appeal of its stylish New Mégane Sport Tourer range with the launch of an all-new Extreme trim level, priced from £14,935.

In the current economic climate, value-for-money is a key priority for purchasers and the two new Extreme models - 1.6 100 and 1.5 dCi 86 - offer a well-equipped entry-point to the New Mégane Sport Tourer range in a frugal, refined and stylish package.

Value-conscious buyers opting for either Extreme model will not be disappointed by the generous level of equipment on offer, with a 4x15W radio RDS CD system with AUX input,

air conditioning, ESP, Renault keycard and front electric windows all as standard. Notably, the chic French newcomer undercuts its rivals, the Ford Focus Estate Style 1.6 Duratec 100PS by a considerable £3,010* (£17,945 OTR), not to mention Volkswagen's New Golf S Estate 1.2 TSI by £1,445* (£16,380 OTR).

Available to order now, New Mégane Sport Tourer Extreme is set to arrive in UK showrooms in January.





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Suzuki announce exclusive special edition GSX-R750

AS Britain's most loved sports bike range celebrates 25 years next year, Suzuki GB has unveiled a limited edition version of the iconic GSX-R750, restricted to just 25 units and available to order exclusively online.

Announced on the Suzuki show stand at the International Motorcycle & Scooter Show by sales and marketing director, David Taylor, the limited run features a unique colour scheme, replicating the 1996 GSX-R750, with a Yoshimura exhaust and commemorative individually numbered top yoke plaque and certificate.

Upon announcing the exclusive model, David Taylor said, "This is our most exclusive model ever. With just 25 models being built and with a unique online order process, we expect these to be snapped up fast. With its retro paint scheme, Yoshimura silencer and commemorative plaque and certificate, this is set to become one of the most sought-after GSX-R's ever produced."

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BRAGGING RIGHTS TO RAINBOWS

Waytown through to first quarter-final

CORONATION CUP SEMI-FINAL

UNDERDOGS Charnmouth managed to keep the free-scoring South Petherton front line under wraps for 20 minutes at Lightgate Lane.

But once Pethy took the lead through a cleverly worked Rich Heb-ditch header there was only going to be one outcome. Jody Bovey netted soon after and John Hayter and Heb-ditch with his 22nd of the season gave the hosts a 4-0 lead at the break.

Bovey took his personal tally up to 17 and Mark Tierney and Paul Holt, with a superb 25-yard chip, completed the rout and made it six wins on the spin for Karl Diment's outfit.

Pethy's opponents in the Boxing Day Final are still to be decided after a waterlogged Davey Fort caused the postponements of the Lyme Regis v Combe Reserves tie.

JACK VENN CUP ROUND ONE

AFTER a goal less first-half Beaminster Reserves unbeaten home record was smashed by South Petherton Reserves.

The visitors, boosted by the inclusion of Lee Bland and the returning from injury Danny Rendall cruised through the second 45 and clocked-up five unanswered goals in the process. Mark Padfield (3), Danny Rodgers and Owen Jary found the net for Pethy who ended a dodgy run of just one win in six.

KENNY HODGES CUP ROUND ONE

THE ominous weather forecast prompted Farway United Reserves to wisely switch their game from their boggy Eastlee Park to opponents' Charnmouth Reserves' Barrs Lane.

And the switch worked perfectly with two-time cup winners Farway thrashing the struggling Robins 7-0 with goals from Chris Legg (2), Rob Down (2), Stuart Turner, Chris Haynes and Lewis Grant.

Charnmouth meanwhile are still seeking a new Reserve team manager. Any body interested should ring 01297 560529.

Ricky Anderson continued his fine goal scoring form for Chard United Reserves with two in the 5-3 victory at Combe B. Kristian Rockett, Rob Mil-som and Darren Ayres were also on target for United with the Saints' consolations coming from Hamish Evans (2) and Steve Chadwick who netted

his fifth of the season.

High-flying Waytown Hounds were taken all the way to extra-time by plucky Hawkchurch Reserves before emerging with a 5-2 win at Netherbury.

Gary Corry put the Hounds ahead in the 20th minute but Stuart Weir, with his sixth goal in four games levelled before the interval.

An own goal restored the hosts lead but Dave Mayo forced the extra half-hour with a goal midway through the half.

Mike Ackerman, making his debut after recovering from injury edged Waytown ahead for the third time and they never looked back with a double from Matt Read, to take his tally up to a round dozen, making the win safe. Top Hound was central mid-fielder Paul Watkins.

◆ Revised draw: Farway United Res v Barrington Res, Hinton Res v Winsham Res, Ilminster A v Waytown Hounds, Thorncombe Res v Chard United Res.

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP ROUND TWO

WINSHAM United's hopes of getting their hands on the 39-year-old trophy for the first time are alive and well following a routine 5-0 win over Division Two Outfit Chard United. Ex-United man Tom Stead led the way with two but missed a penalty much to the amusement of his former team mates. Henry Broome, Shane Scott and Joe Langridge were also on target for Division One side.

PREMIER DIVISION

THE West-Dorset local-derby went with form with Beaminster extending their lead at the top of the Division to six points with a 4-3 victory over lowly White Horse at Symonds-bury.

Horse manager Ian Pincombe felt aggrieved that his side conceded two first-half penalties that he described as 'very soft'. Murray Legg missed the first with the score line still goal less but made amends with his 12th and 13th goals of the season soon after. The second spot-kick was successfully converted by Tristan Gale to give the Rainbows a comfortable 3-0 half-time cushion. The cushion was 'plum-ped' up to four by an Andy Southern header two minutes after the restart to put the visitors in complete con-

trol.

Cue the Horse fight back. Tom Gale began proceedings with the third penalty of the match and Tom Franklin made in 2-4 with 25 minutes remaining. Colin Paull reduced the arrears further still in the 87th minute but Beaminster held on and Horse slipped to their sixth straight reverse.

There's also a distinct result trend developing at Misterton where a 1-1 draw against Barrington at Unity Lane gave Aidge Diment's side their fourth one point haul in five outings – shades of Manchester City.

Jack Platt put Missy in front with a scorcher after 15 minutes only for Craig Steer to also test the goal nets to their limit before the break with his fifth goal in Yellow Hammers colours.

Diment felt his side dominated the second-half and looked to heading for a welcome win when they were awarded an 81st minute penalty but Paul Gold missed and the points were shared with the visitors extending their unbeaten League run to six games.

How Crewkerne Town would welcome such a run. The Tigers, reigning League Champions, were beaten for the seventh game in a row and must now be serious contenders for the drop. The latest team to leave Budgie Cook and his men empty-handed were neighbours Ilminster Town Reserves who also recorded a League double courtesy of first-half strikes from George Partridge and Dan Vining in a 2-0 win.

Crewkerne, who failed to find the net for the first time in 31 matches, have made an adjustment to their management structure with Cook stepping aside to number two to new manager, and club chairman, Nick Murphy.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaminster.....	9	8	0	1	44	8	24
South Petherton.....	7	6	0	1	35	6	18
Lyme Regis.....	7	6	0	1	22	9	18
Barrington.....	8	4	2	2	18	19	14
Ilminster Town Res.....	9	4	1	4	23	16	13
Combe Reserves.....	8	4	1	3	19	16	13
Perry Street.....	9	4	1	4	21	33	13
Merriott Rovers.....	6	3	0	3	18	17	9
Misterton.....	8	2	3	3	13	18	9
Crewkerne.....	9	2	0	7	18	30	6
White Horse.....	7	1	0	6	10	21	3
Charnmouth.....	9	0	9	11	59	0	0

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nags Head A.....	7	3	0	0	45	11	14
Rousdon Club.....	6	4	1	1	35	13	9
George A.....	6	3	2	1	27	21	8
Nags Z.....	7	3	1	3	27	29	7
Rockpoint A.....	7	2	2	3	26	30	6
Lamb A.....	7	1	3	3	26	30	5
Lamb B.....	7	2	1	4	22	34	5
Nags Head B.....	7	0	0	7	8	48	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rubber Johns.....	4	3	0	1	24	8	6
Young Guns +1.....	4	2	2	0	21	11	6
Talbot Arms.....	4	3	0	1	20	12	6
Royal Standard.....	4	1	0	4	23	39	5
George B.....	5	1	0	4	9	31	2
Royal Oak.....	5	0	1	4	7	33	1

◆ Stat leaders: 180s (top) Terry Prowse 4, Highest shot-out: Jon Bowditch 131.
Fixtures for Thursday, December 3rd: Lamb B v George A, Nags Head A v Rock Point A, Nags Head B v Nags Z, Rousdon Club v Lamb A, Royal Oak v Talbot Arms, Young Guns +1 v Royal Standard.

LYME Regis Reserves played probably their first ever 'home' League match at Venlake Field home of neighbours Uplyme.

However the soggy conditions and constant rain was clearly better suited to opponents Farway United and the Seasideers were scuppered by a 3-1 defeat.

Tom Albano put the Devonians ahead in the 28th minute in somewhat fortuitous circumstances when his block tackle with Stuart King resulted in the ball squinting out and into the top corner to leave Jedd Whittington in the Lyme goal with no chance.

The lead was doubled 30 seconds into the second-half when James Salter got his just-rewards for a Man-of-the-Match performance with a well taken second. The away win was confirmed when youngster Bradley King sneaked in unmarked at the back post on the hour.

Steve Batey did head home Julien Simier's cross in the 70th minute but the Seasideers comeback was never really on. Top performers for Lyme were Aaron Cleal and right-back Rob Larcombe.

Meanwhile struggling Pymore failed to raise a side for the trip to Thorncombe who have now been clicking their heels for six weeks!

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Merriott Reserves.....	7	6	0	1	19	10	18
W & M Chinnock.....	6	5	1	0	30	13	16
Farway United.....	7	4	2	1	15	8	14
Forton Rangers.....	6	4	1	1	12	8	13
Ilminster Colts.....	6	2	3	1	16	15	9
Netherbury.....	4	2	0	2	13	7	8
Thorncombe.....	7	2	1	4	17	16	7
Winsham United.....	6	2	0	4	13	15	6
Lyme Regis Reserves.....	6	1	1	4	12	22	4
Chard Rangers.....	7	1	1	5	13	28	4
Pymore.....	5	0	2	3	6	14	2
Perry Street Reserves.....	7	0	2	5	14	24	2

DIVISION TWO

GOALS from Andy North (2), Chris Lang and Chris North ended a run of six games without a win for Dowlish & Donyatt who won 4-2 at Hinton.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millway Rise.....	9	8	1	0	27	13	25
Norton Athletic.....	8	6	0	2	34	17	18
Beaminster Reserves.....	7	4	0	3	14	15	12
Hinton St George.....	9	3	2	4	25	21	11
Shepton Beauchamp.....	6	3	1	2	16	7	10



DERBY-DAY DOUBLE | Murray Legg scored two and missed a pen.



GOOD TIMES | Nick Pomeroy's 'Horse Reserves stunned Hawks



MotM | Rob Larcombe was in fine form for Lyme Regis Reserves

Dowlish & Donyatt.....	9	3	1	5	28	32	10
South Petherton Res.....	8	2	2	4	19	19	8
Forton Rangers Res.....	6	2	2	2	10	12	8
Drumpton.....	7	2	0	5	16	25	6
Uplyme.....	6	1	1	4	9	19	4
Chard United.....	5	1	0	4	8	26	3

DIVISION THREE

WHITE Horse Reserves pulled-off the result of the day by returning from League leaders Hawkchurch after snatching a 2-1 win.

All looked good for the Hawks as Gavin Herrod gave his side a slender half-time lead. But Russell Weller levelled to turn the game on its head and, with the hosts chasing a winner, Horse landed an 85th minute break away sucker-punch when Russell Old-bury pounced on a defensive howler to end Hawkchurch's 100 per cent home record.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch.....	8	7	0	1	38	17	21
Crewkerne Rangers.....	7	6	0	1	34	9	18
Fivehead United.....	6	4	0	2	17	16	12
Misterton Reserves.....	6	3	1	2	17	16	10
White Horse Res.....	6	3	1	2	12	14	10
Combe A.....	7	3	0	4	14	18	9
Millway Rise Reserves.....	9	3	0	6	18	24	9
Shepton Reserves.....	8	3	0	5	18	30	9
Lyme Bantams.....	7	3	0	4	16	17	6*
Crewkerne Reserves.....	5	2	0	3	13	14	6
Luso-Chard.....	5	2	0	3	12	13	6
Chard Rangers Res.....	8	1	0	7	9	30	3

* = points deducted

RESULTS: Saturday, November 28th

Somerset Junior Cup, Round 2
Merriott Rovers 6 Chew Magna 3
Perry Street w/o v AFC Durbin (withdraw)

Somerset Intermediate Cup, Round 2

AFC Nailsea 8 Combe A 5
Forton Rangers 4 Stoke Sub Hamdon 2
West & Middle Chinnock 2 Civil Service 0

Coronation Cup, Semi-finals

South Petherton 7 Charnmouth 0

Jack Venn Cup, Round 1

Beaminster Reserves 0 South Petherton Res 5

Kenny Hodges Cup, Round 1

Combe B 3 Chard United Reserves 5
Farway United Res 7 Charnmouth Reserves 0
Waytown Hounds 5 Hawkchurch Reserves 2 aet

Daisy Hutchings Cup, Round 2

Chard United 0 Winsham United 5

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Smashers.....	7	7	0	0	14	6
Abandon Ship.....	7	5	0	2	10	8
Bids & Babes.....	7	4	1	2	9	10
La Creme.....	7	4	0	3	8	8
Wootton Wobblers.....	7	4	0	3	8	8
Hot Gossips.....	7	4	0	3	8	5
Rollercoasters.....	7	4	0	3	8	3
Just Us.....	7	3	1	3	7	13
Oh So Georgious.....	7	3	1	3	7	8
Rock A Byes.....	7	3	0	4	6	12
Generations.....	7	2	1	4	5	10
Castaways.....	7	2	0	5	4	4
Deano's Divas.....	7	2	0	5	4	3
Gobstoppers.....	7	0	0	7	0	0

LYME REGIS SKITTLES

Results for week ending November 27th.

Ladies League: La Creme 303 Generations 294 (E. Summers 55), Just Us 278 Bids & Babes 279 (H. Taylor, S. Bond 56), Castaways 277 Rollercoasters 310 (A. Shaw 59), Rock A Byes 315 Smashers 324 (P. Thirlwell 67), Hot Gossips 332 Oh So Georgious 314 (T. Banfield 76).

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Smashers.....	7	7	0	0	14	6
Abandon Ship.....	7	5	0	2	10	8
Bids & Babes.....	7	4	1	2	9	10
La Creme.....	7	4	0	3	8	8
Wootton Wobblers.....	7	4	0	3	8	8
Hot Gossips.....	7	4	0	3	8	5
Rollercoasters.....	7	4	0	3	8	3
Just Us.....	7	3	1	3	7	13
Oh So Georgious.....	7	3	1	3	7	8
Rock A Byes.....	7	3	0	4	6	12
Generations.....	7	2	1	4	5	10
Castaways.....	7	2	0	5	4	4
Deano's Divas.....	7	2	0	5	4	3
Gobstoppers.....	7	0	0	7	0	0

Mens Palmer Cup, first round:

Skippy's Six 331 Anthill Mob 319 (S. Rowland, P. Kirkman, S. Smith 58), Wreckers 351 Cowboys 407 (I. Johnson 83), Hot Rocks 398 Rousdon Rebels 352 (J. Bond 75), Alleytwits 306 Young Guns 344 (M. Denning 71), Marksmen 372 British Legion 332 (A. Stevens, N. Hampton-Rumbold 74), Sherberts 316 Flyers 336 (A. Churchill 70). Missing results: Roadrunners v Wootton Tornadoes, Trappers v No Hoppers.

LYME REGIS LADIES GOLF

Turkey Trot Stableford held on November 26th.

The competition was played in windy conditions with the threat of heavy rain. Remarkably there were some reasonable scores in.

Results:

Division 1

1st Jane Southcombe 30pts, 2nd Jane Dixon 29pts acb, 3rd Gill Court-trill 29pts acb, 4th Geraldine Wickes 27pts.

Division 2

1st Gloria Lott 37pts, 2nd Glenys Phillips 32pts, 3rd Jean Moss 31pts, 4th Angela Clark 29pts.

Division 3

1st Sheila Claringbold 25pts acb, 2nd Hanna Jacobsen 25pts acb, 3rd Flicity Horton 23pts.

SWIMMING NEWS

CHARD & District Swimming Club competed in the second round of the National Arena Swimming League on Saturday 14th November 2009 which was held at the Pyramids Pool, Exeter writes Steph Hallam.

Once again, there was some tremendous swimming throughout the evening.

Abigail Dare, 12 and Jake Hallam, 13, both obtained new club records in the 100m Butterfly event, improving upon their previous times. Abigail 1-18-06 (12 yrs and under) and Jake 1-06-27 (14 yrs and under).

The boys 13 yrs and under team of, Ben Fowler, Daniel Walker, Jake Hallam, and Huw Khan-Davies achieved 2nd in the 4 x 50m Medley relay. Individuals coming 2nd were: Ben Fowler, 13, in the 100m Backstroke; Oliver Bilbie, 11, in the 50m Backstroke; and Elsie Emery, 10, in the 50m Butterfly. Elsie also obtained a 3rd in her 50m Breaststroke. Other individuals coming 3rd were: Jake Hallam, 13, in the 100m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle; and Oliver Bilbie, 11, in the 50m Freestyle. The girls 9 – 11 yrs 4

x 50 Medley relay team consisting of Chloe Bryant, Marsha Emery, Elsie Emery and Lauren van den Barselaar also came 3rd.

The club would like to thank the company "And so to Bed" for their kind donation which was used to sponsor the new Squad Tracksuits which are helping to promote the team image. A special thank you also goes to the team Coaches, John and Pam Farrant, June Turner, Roger Welch and Amy Rodger for all their continued support.

The full squad are looking forward to swimming in the final round which will be held in Barry, South Wales, on the 13th December 2009.

Olympic officials happy with sailing academy

LONDON 2012 and international officials have praised the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) since the award winning venue's official construction completion 12 months ago.

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) completed work on new enhanced sailing facilities at the Academy in November last year in preparation for the Olympic and Paralympic sailing events to be held in Weymouth and Portland in 2012.

The completion of the works saw Weymouth and Portland become the first 2012-specific venue ready, delivering an early legacy of world-class facilities for all ages and abilities to use.

The new enhanced sailing facilities based next to some of the best boating waters on the planet have propelled Weymouth and Portland onto the world stage whilst maintaining a strong commitment to legacy in the local community.

Since opening the venue has already successfully hosted the final event of the 2008-09 ISAF Sailing World Cup Series, Sail for Gold, RS:X and Techno World Championships, as well as hosting RYA elite training camps, Farr 45 Yacht Racing National Championships, match racing and numerous local dinghy events throughout 2009.

Sebastian Coe, the chairman of London 2012, said: "Since last November's completion of enhancement works, the WPNSA has hosted spectacular sailing competitions, held several training camps as well as running innovative community sailing schemes.

"Together with the adjacent commercial Portland Marina that was completed in the summer this year, London 2012 has its first fully operational new venue in place.

"In the coming year, we look forward to working with our venues and the local community as we progress our plans for hosting 14 days of Olympic sailing competition and six days of Paralympic sailing competition in the summer of 2012."

ODA director Ralph Luck said WPNSA is a "first-class venue".

He added: "The world class events leading up to them will help boost its deserved reputation as one of the best venues

in the world.

"The 2012 project is driven by legacy and it is fantastic to see the enhanced facilities in Weymouth and Portland being used by sailors of all ages and abilities well ahead of the Games."

John Longley, the event director of the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships in Perth, was also full of praise for the facility but warned the rest of the sport that it would only make British sailing, already the best in the world, even stronger and more difficult to beat.

He said: "The Weymouth facility sets the standard for venues of this nature globally.

"With such a well thought out permanent facility, British sailing will be tough to beat in the foreseeable future.

"The fact that the facility is able to house so many yachts with apparent ease in a relatively compact footprint, helps build the sense of a single event while still conducting multiple competitions across a number of classes.

"This sense of a single event and the camaraderie it builds across all the sailors of every class is an aspect we aspire to replicate during Perth 2011."

Meanwhile Ben Ainslie, the triple Olympic gold medalist who is a director of the WPNSA, added: "Hosting the sailing events for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games on the home waters of Weymouth and Portland is a major positive for Britain's sailors and windsurfers.

"These waters are some of the best on the planet for clean racing and the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy has demonstrated that it is a modern venue adept at coping with mass numbers of international participants who expect world class facilities to train and compete from."



MAJOR POSITIVE | Olympic Gold medalist Ben Ainslie who is a director of WPNSA

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL: CHICKERELL United appeal against a three point penalty for playing an unregistered player has been thrown out by the Dorset County Football association.

The Chickens were found guilty of fielding an ineligible player - Gavin Daniels - in a Dorset Premier League fixture earlier this season.

United were adamant that the player's registration form was signed appropriately, citing a postal strike as the reason for any confusion, but county officials weren't convinced and so the three point deduction stands.

SPEEDWAY: WORLD Under-21 champion Darcy Ward has joined Poole from Premier League club King's Lynn.

The Dorset side fought off competition from many of their rivals to secure the Australian ace. Club owner Matt Ford said: "This is a great

day for the Pirates faithful. My pledge was to make amends for the poor season we had in 2009 and in Darcy we have a true winner."

CRICKET: FORMER Dorset star Richard Scott has been named as Middlesex's new head coach. The 46-year-old, who also played for Hampshire and Gloucestershire moved to Lord's in January 2008 as second team coach.

He stayed in that role until Toby Radford left as first XI coach in July 2009, since when he has done the job on a temporary basis.

Scott, who ended his playing career in the Southern League with Bournemouth, will have former Middlesex and England paceman Richard Johnson, 34, as his assistant coach.

Mark O'Neill, 50, son of former Australian Test batsman Norman O'Neill, is the county's new batting coach.

And Middlesex are also in the process of recruiting part-time specialist spin bowling and wicket-keeping coaches.

Middlesex managing director of cricket Angus Fraser said: "Many former players and current coaches spoke to me about the positions of head coach and assistant coach. But, as the 2009 season progressed, it became clear to me that Richard Scott was the right man for the job.

"He has no ego, is extremely organised, efficient and gets things done.

"Unlike many modern coaches who like the sound of their own voice, believe everything they say is correct and want to be the star of the show, Richard sits back, listens and works quietly with a player. I believe he has the potential to become an excellent coach."

TAE-KWON DO: COOK BACKS NEW RULES

BRITISH taekwondo star Aaron Cook says a raft of changes to the sport's rules will help boost its popularity.

The World Taekwondo Federation has introduced a new points system, video replays and electronic body protectors in a bid to improve scoring. "It's a good change," 17-year-old Dorchester-born Cook told BBC Radio 5 live.

"Because there are more points you're going to see more knock-outs; it's a lot better to watch and it's going to be more entertaining for the public."

Changes to the scoring involve awarding three points for a shot to the head, which as a result becomes a key move.

Cook, a former Thomas Hardy School pupil, was the victim of a controversial scoring decision under the old system at last year's Beijing Games.

In a contest for the bronze medal, he appeared to land a number of body blows to China's Zhu Guo without any being scored, eventually losing out and dropping to fourth place.

However, memories of Beijing are fast receding after Cook defeated Olympic legend Steven Lopez at the inaugural World Taekwondo Tour event in Mexico City earlier this month.

The county town teenager landed a

sensational double blow to the head to claim a prize of almost £18,000, the largest the sport has ever offered.

"Managing to knock him out was amazing," said Cook. "It's a big part in taekwondo, kicking to the head. Taekwondo has never really been a big sport but it's starting to get a lot bigger and prize money is starting to come in."

Gary Hall, the British performance director, said athletes could chase "a greater reward for greater risk" under the new rules, which could also benefit competitors in other martial arts looking to change sport.

"Players from other forms of taekwondo and kickboxing who can easily kick to the head could convert over quite quickly, and could be looking at a 2012 podium place," said Hall.

"Current athletes are having to go through a major change two years out from an Olympic Games, but within every change there's an opportunity.

"We've launched a talent programme because it opens the game up for martial artists that can readily kick to the head and the body.

"It gives an opportunity for somebody else to come in, and we can convert some talent."

On the back of his lucrative victory in Mexico, Cook believes a place on the London 2012 podium is well within his capability.

"After Beijing my sights were set on 2012," he said. "There are a lot of things I want to accomplish before 2012 and knocking out Lopez was one of them, so I'm on course."

◆ COOK has described his defeat of former Olympic taekwondo champion Steven Lopez last week as the greatest victory of his career.

He knocked out American Lopez in the final to win the -80kg gold at the inaugural World Taekwondo Tour event in Mexico City. His £17,880 prize is the largest ever won by a British taekwondo competitor.

"To beat the world champion makes it the greatest win in my career so far. It is amazing to take gold," said Cook. "I knew that an opponent with his experience was always going to be tough but I never doubted my ability."

Lopez, 31, has won medals at the last three Olympic Games, with gold in Sydney and Athens, then bronze in Beijing, and won his fifth world title in Copenhagen last month.



◆ **KNOCK-OUT:** Aaron Cook who beat Olympic Champion Steven Lopez recently.

WEYMOUTH SPEEDWAY NEW TEST FOR WILDCATS

WEYMOUTH fans can look forward to the challenge of a brand new club in the National League, next season.

Dudley Heathens will be entered into the third tier of British racing for the 2010 season with the Wolverhampton and Birmingham tracks staging home meetings between them on their behalf.

The project automatically revives the famous nickname used by the old Cradley Heath club who ran at Dudley Wood Stadium between 1947-1995, before the land was sold for housing.

Club bosses are hoping regular league racing carrying the Heathens name will be supported by fans of Cradley, Wolves and Birmingham alike as the bid to find new ground for Cradley continues. The club have already appointed Will Pottinger as team manager. Pottinger is the grandson of former Cradley promoter Les and took charge of Heathens teams in challenge matches this year. And Sky Sports TV presenter Nigel Pearson has been unveiled as the driving force behind the project as chairman,

working closely with Wolverhampton chief Chris Van Straaten and Birmingham counterpart Gary Patchett. Said Pearson: "This has all come together very quickly. Chris, Gary and myself have been in dialogue over the idea for less than a month and we've tried to see pitfalls before going for it - but it's a win-win situation as far as we're concerned."

Wildcats chairman Phil Bartlett today welcomed the Heathens and said he looked forward to racing against them.

"Speedway has been hit by the credit crunch along with everything else," he said, "so to see a new club form in these difficult times is fantastic news. On behalf of everyone at Weymouth, I welcome the Heathens, wish them luck and look forward to racing against them." Heathens will race their home meetings at Wolverhampton on a Tuesday night but their Birmingham-staged meetings are likely to be on a Wednesday.

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND-UP Corby puts county into last eight

National Systems County Cup BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE 1 DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE 2

THE DORSET Premier League side moved in the last eight of the National Systems County Cup with a superb 2-1 victory over Bedfordshire County League on Saturday.

The visitors took the lead on the half hour with a strike from Jamie Moores and they should have stretched their advantage after creating a handful of chances.

They were made to pay for those misses however in the 83rd minute when Bedford grabbed an equaliser, although the hosts should have been level on the hour when they were awarded a penalty which they missed.

With two minutes remaining, Dorset got the winning goal their performance deserved with Arron Corby drilling home from close range.

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

TORRENTIAL rain meant that only two Dorset Premier League fixtures survived the weather on Saturday.

The fixture list had already been reduced due to the

league's representative side being in action at Bedford.

The two matches that were played were at the View From Stadium where Weymouth Reserves entertained Poole Borough and Sherborne Reserves against Hamworthy United Reserves at the Terrace.

At Weymouth, it was the visitors who took the lead in gale force conditions when Maciej Jakaszas found the net with a close range effort on 25 minutes. The Terras hit back to gain a point with 19 minutes remaining when Tyler Sibbick volleyed in after a concerted spell of pressure from Dave Kiteley's men.

The draw keeps Weymouth in second spot in the table while Borough move up to fifth. Sherborne Reserves moved up a place to 11th following their 3-1 victory over Hamworthy United Reserves.

The hosts goals came from Dwayne Forshaw in the first half while Aaron Lomax and Jason Bond were both on target for the impressive hosts following the break.

This was Sherborne's fifth win of the season while the Hammers were tasting defeat for the eighth time.

◆ **Blandford are through to the Dorset Premier League Cup quarter finals following their 5-2 success over Sherborne Reserves on Thursday night.**

ASHTON FORCED TO RETIRE

BRIDPORT Cricket Club was rocked by the news last week that all rounder Joe Ashton has been advised to retire from cricket.

The 41-year-old all rounder took the decision after he was told by an orthopaedic specialist that he risked needing a knee replacement if he continued playing.

Ashton has been one of the stars of the club last season taking 45 wickets in just eleven games and scoring over 300 runs including one half century. Unfortunately his sterling efforts didn't stop Bridport being relegated for the second successive year.

Ashton played in the Thames Valley League in north Hampshire before joining the club in August 2008 after moving to the area.

The off-spinner only played two games at the end of that season, but made a sensational debut against Shaftesbury by taking 9-9 from 12 overs,

seven of them maidens.

The injury caused by wear and tear following a long term posterior cruciate ligament injury has made the knee unstable and as a result Ashton has been advised to retire from the game.

The news is particularly upsetting as he had just recovered from a back injury that had kept him out for the previous three years.

"I am absolutely gutted but I have no alternative to retire. It is particularly galling as I was just getting back into the game after three years out with my back, and I was really enjoying myself.

"It's not really sunk in yet, I was only chatting to some friends about next season a couple of nights before, but it appears my Bridport career is over before it really started!"

It is a major blow to the cricket club, for in addition to his batting and bowling prowess he was a strong front runner to succeed Chris Backhouse who stood

GUTTED | Joe Ashton who has had to call time on his cricket career.



down as captain at the end of the season.

There is one consolation for Joe however; he can still play golf. A big, powerful hitter, Ashton played off a handicap of six before his back injury, and showed in a couple of games this year that he still has the talent to get back to that level.

"I've already got my application into the golf club, and my wife Keri has given me permission so I am all set to go!"

Shipton Gorge table-tennis

ALL SAINTS WEYMOUTH 9 SHIPTON GORGE A 28

ANOTHER emphatic win against one of the leagues top sides keeps Shipton clear at the top of the table with a third of the fixtures played.

Although taken close by Saints number one Steve Rook, Richard Trim maintained his unbeaten run with a 3-2 win before going on to take a nine point maximum with further 3-0 victories. Chris Glover is also enjoying a rich vein of form, beating Rook 3-0 and only dropping one game each to Paul Carter and Tony Babb in securing his maximum. Gil Roberts conceded the only loss of the night 1-3 to Carter but went on to edge Babb 3-2 and completed a miserable night for Rook with a 3-0 win. A 3-0 win for Glover and Trim ended the evening off perfectly for the visitors.

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shipton Gorge A	5	5	0	0	139	42	144
Springfield A	6	4	0	2	125	99	125
Red Triangle A	5	4	0	1	111	71	115
YMCA A	5	2	3	0	105	86	105
ASA	4	3	0	1	91	64	94
St Osm Crusaders	5	3	0	2	78	99	81
Colliton A	5	1	0	4	66	116	67
Civil Service B	5	0	0	5	63	127	63
P & S Falcons	3	1	0	2	54	58	55
Civil Service A	4	1	0	3	48	99	48
Budmouth A	1	0	0	1	8	27	8

SHIPTON GORGE B 30 BUDMOUTH B 2

WITH the Gorge putting out perhaps their strongest team a Budmouth side containing two young players were no match for them on the night.

Ron Tucknott, Jim Saunders and David Poole picked up maximum points with some ease.

Tucknott and Saunders also took the doubles 3-0. It was good to see the youngsters unbowed by their defeat. They played an attacking game with some flair and will undoubtedly improve quickly.

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pilgrims	6	5	0	1	143	70	143
Colliton B	7	4	0	3	139	111	139
Springfield B	6	6	0	0	133	85	133
St Osm Sharks	6	5	0	1	131	90	131
Shipton Gorge B	5	4	0	1	113	72	113
Civil Service C	7	3	0	4	109	146	109
Springfield C	5	3	0	2	108	76	108
St Osm Lions	6	2	0	4	94	118	94
Preseton B	5	3	0	2	91	86	91
Colliton C	5	2	0	3	90	95	90
Dorset Youth Serv	6	0	0	6	78	134	78
Preston A	6	0	0	6	73	150	73
St Osm Hawks	4	1	0	3	59	86	59
Budmouth B	2	0	0	2	12	54	12

WEST DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

with **STUART BROOM**

CARDS TOO SHARP FOR MAGPIES

WOKING 3 DORCHESTER TOWN 1 Blue Square South - Attendance: 1,269

IT took Woking 75 minutes to finally wear down a resolute Dorchester Town side in Ashley Vickers first game in charge as caretaker manager since the sacking of Roy O'Brien.

The Magpies led by a 24th minute strike from skipper Mark Jermyn which was cancelled out by Moses Ademola a minute before the interval. Stubborn resistance after the break despite pressure from the Cards meant it was not until 15 minutes from time that the home side got their noses in front before sealing the match as Dorchester pushed forward looking for an equaliser.

Vickers drafted in new signing Ryan Hill at left-back and



■ **GOAL:** Mark Jermyn (right) wheels away after stabbing Dorchester into a 24th minute lead at Woking on Saturday.

played a new formation with Harry Nodwell sitting just in front the back four.

Woking had a couple of early chances which were both blazed over the top before Steve Devlin got the better of Ricky Anane and fired in a low cross, which Woking keeper Ross Worner just grabbed before the inrushing Ryan Moss.

Dorchester took the lead on 24 minutes when Phil Walsh got up to nod Hill's corner kick down at the far post and Jermyn stabbed the ball home at the second attempt.

Although Woking applied plenty of pressure following the goal, the nearest they got was on 38 minutes when Harry Arter made a superb run into the box, but his low cross into the goalmouth evaded everyone.

However his next telling move did pay dividends when just a minute before the break his diagonal cross found Ademola who drove the ball past Regan Coward from 12 yards.

Woking continued to dictate after the interval and Arter was close with a 25-yard drive that just cleared the angle of the goal frame.

Finally as the part-timers of Dorchester tired, the fitness of Woking's full-time players started to tell and they took the lead on 76 minutes.

A miscue in the Magpies defence found sub Matthew Wright whose neat turn and shot deserved a goal, but Coward produced a superb save by acrobatically turning the ball over the top from close range. However from the resultant corner Tony Sinclair climbed well at the far post to nod the ball back to the onrushing Arter who crashed home an unstoppable volley from 12 yards.

Woking sealed the match on 81 minutes when Arter charged down an attempted clearance and the ball ran to sub Nathaniel Pinney who ran clear before clipping the ball past Coward as he raced out to meet him.

Dorchester's home league match against Lewes postponed from last night due to the Dorset Senior Cup tie with Wimborne Town will now be played at the Jewson Stadium on Tuesday December 15th with a 7.45pm kick-off.

Former reserve team manager Phil Simkin has had provisional discussions with the Magpies about returning to manage a reformed reserve side next season in the proposed "Wyvern League".

The Club has attended an initial meeting of a proposed new south coast reserve league which would include teams from such clubs as Eastleigh, Havant, Gosport, Bashley and Verwood Town amongst others.

O'Brien set for Terras?

WEYMOUTH manager Ian Hutchinson has refused to rule out a shock return to the *View From Stadium* for Roy O'Brien.

The former Magpies boss was sacked a fortnight ago after Dorchester crashed out of the FA Trophy at the hands of the Terras.

Irishman O'Brien, who works full time in Yeovil Town's football in the community department helped Weymouth win the Conference South title back in 2006.

Hutchinson said: "He's a top bloke with a bright managerial future in the game, its unfortunate it's not quite worked out at Dorchester but Roy is a strong character and he'll bounce back."

"I phoned him after I heard the news and he's obviously gutted, but Dorchester have a direction they want to go in, and I'm sure Roy has learnt a lot from his time there. "I'd love to work with him again in the future, but obviously things' are very tough here at Weymouth. It's a club he

knows very well having played here for a while, and I'm sure if the chance arose, he'd definitely consider it."

Terras Ladies looking to raise profile

ARSENAL and England Ladies star Corinne Yorston is the special guest tonight when the girls take centre stage at the View From Stadium as Weymouth FC Ladies entertain the Royal Navy Ladies with a 7.45pm kick off.

Left-back Yorston who has played 19 times for the under 19s, under 2's and five times for the senior England side is a full time footballer and she will be on hand to meet sponsors and supporters alike as Weymouth begin a number of events aimed at raising the profile of the sport in the town.

The game with the Royal Navy will give the Terras girls the opportunity to showcase their skills against top quality opposition who are made up of players from as far afield as Italy.

Admission to the match which has attracted a number of corporate sponsors including Dorset Build and Maintenance, Weyline Taxis, MacDonald's town centre restaurant, Marlboro Restaurant, Fish n Fritz and ADS Carpentry and Build is just £1 for both adults and children as Weymouth aim to attract a big crowd, many of whom will never have witnessed live ladies football before.

The club would also like to extend an invitation to any girls that might wish to take up the sport to come to the match, meet the Weymouth FC Ladies players and manager Tim Davis.

The club is looking to massively increase the number of teams they currently run next season so girls this is your opportunity to come forward and make yourself known.

RUGBY ROUND-UP

with **Keith Jenkin**

ON yet another day when the average rugby spectator really needed to be fitted with guttering, I made my way to Bridport to watch them finally beat Swanage & Wareham seconds by fifteen points to five after a game which, although it did not rate all that highly as a spectacle, contained one or two interesting aspects.

BRIDPORT 15pts SWANAGE & WAREHAM 2nd 5pts

THE unusual happenings started before this Dorset & Wilts League Division One South game got under way, for the action had to be transferred to Bridport's second pitch, one of the posts and crossbar on the main pitch having blown down over night.

The visitors won the toss and chose to play with the slope on the heavy ground, and the first five minutes were laced with errors, and three penalties were awarded and several set scrummages took place during that time.

The visitors had marginally the better of things, territorially speaking without really threatening and the game was some fifteen minutes old before Bridport's first meaningful attack took place. They got within five yards of their opponents' line but were turned over, after which a bit of a fracas ensued. They conceded a penalty and Swanage & Wareham kicked clear.

The visitors however were guilty of not protecting their possession quite as they should have done during the next play. Bridport won possession on halfway and outside centre Idris Croft broke down the outside channel and had the gas to score after running half the length of the field. It was certainly not a day for converting from near touch, and the try remained unconverted.

The next home score came on the half hour and was rather against the run of play for their opponents had been applying some pressure. The game was not a dirty one and it came as a surprise to me when the Swanage & Wareham number eight forward and Bullock, the Bridport scrum-half, were sent to the early bath.

Their absence did not help the contest as a spectacle and Bridport broke out, won a penalty some 30-yards out and Everitt duly kicked the goal. The scoreline remained unchanged at the halfway stage and the home side would have been the more confident at this stage; firstly because they had been less affected by the sending off than their opponents, and secondly because they would have the slight slope in their favour in the second-half.

Bridport had the better of the third quarter, spurning a penalty kick at goal from close in, but being unable to turn the ensuing scrum into points. Substitute winger Hawkes-Welstead too came near to scoring, after a snipe down the narrow side.

They seemed to fall away just a little about the hour mark however, and Swanage & Wareham came back at them. Bridport were conceding penalties too and their opponents converted these into territory.

Just as I was feeling that there could well be a few twists to come in this game, Bridport broke out and, with fifteen minutes left, made the result safe. They kicked ahead and followed well to harass the full-back. He had played well thus far but his hurried off load went loose. Bridport hacked on from halfway and Croft was up to beat the ball to the visitor's dead ball line and touch down.

There then came a very strange happening. The referee, who had been left far behind by events, enquired of a spectator as to the validity of the try before awarding it. (I've never seen that done before.) Everitt added the extras

and Swanage & Wareham now had to score three times.

They were by no means done however for, with five minutes left, they won good ball on the Bridport twenty two and sent the ball wide for their left winger to get over in the corner.

The score was a deserved consolation but could be no more than that, for the final whistle blew soon after.

Not Bridport's best performance of the season! Conditions were certainly not of the best, and losing their scrum-half did not help their cohesion over much. They showed enough outside the scrum to make one feel that they should have sent the ball wide more often but their handling was less than sure in the wet.

BOURNEMOUTH 3rd 29pts BRIDPORT 2nd 31pts

THE club's injury list had ensured that its second side would be far below full complement for this vital league encounter and, although playing catch up and being starved of useable possession for much of the game, they kept plugging away and staged a final rally to burgle the result.

They did in fact take the lead through an excellent try by full back Marcus Colbourne, converted by Tom Swatridge but, with the big home eight dominating possession were soon pegged back by two converted tries before the half hour mark.

They levelled through a try by scrum half James Ewart, again goaled by Swatridge, and in fact took a narrow lead when Swatridge kicked a penalty late in the half to lead 17-14. They could not hold on however and a home unconverted effort, scored in the final play of the half, gave Bournemouth a 19-17 half time lead.

The home pack continued to have a major say during the second period and two unconverted tries gave Bournemouth a 29-17 lead with fifteen minutes left for play.

Then came the Bridport rally! They mounted some pressure and were rewarded when the referee awarded them a penalty try after Bournemouth had persistently offended close to their own line. Swatridge's conversion kick from in front was accurate and brought Bridport in touch with less than ten minutes left.

They kept playing and, with a couple of minutes of normal time remaining, won useable possession and spun the ball across field, switched, and passed back for Swatridge to touch down in the corner and level the scores. He then held his nerve and trusted his method to land the vital conversion from the widest of angles to give his side the lead.

The final minutes seemed to last for ever as far as the Bridport camp was concerned. Bournemouth forced them into desperate defence but they held on until the final whistle sounded to record a very valued win.

WESTBURY Nil WEYMOUTH 21pts

ALTHOUGH winning, and winning comfortably at that, Weymouth will not look back on this game with too much affection.

Having had the better of matters early, they took the lead after some ten minutes play with a try by Will Quick converted by Peplow. The home number eight forward sustained a dislocated elbow in trying to stop the scorer however and could not be moved before emergency help arrived.

All present were then treated to what is probably the saddest sight in sport, a small group gathered round a player lying on the ground, with all the others some dis-

tance away, trying to keep warm.

Some 40 minutes elapsed before the game could restart and Weymouth asserted their superiority with a second Quick try, again converted by Peplow, before the break. Conditions were not ideally suited to open rugby but, in the twenty minutes play that was possible before the light faded, Weymouth scored another converted effort to stretch away.

The referee then decided after an hour that enough was enough and blew for "no side" in the gathering gloom.

As 60 minutes play had taken place the result will, I think, stand; although Weymouth will wish it had been gained in pleasanter circumstances.

The Weymouth second side did not have the best of fortune and went down narrowly to North Dorset 4th by five points to nil.

FROME 23pts DORCHESTER 10pts

DORCHESTER faced the slope in the first period of this pivotal league encounter and were forced on to the defensive for much of the first forty minutes. Their pack was certainly holding its own however, although much of the possession was kicked to touch in an effort to gain a position from which to attack.

Their defence too was coping and the game was some twenty minutes old before Frome squeezed over for an unconverted try in the corner. They scored another before the break to lead 10-0 at the halfway stage, with Dorchester's only chance coming from the boot of Bament, although his long range place kick drifted just wide.

They would not have been too disappointed with the situation however, for they now had the slope in their favour and certainly would have felt confident of coring twice. This thought would have been bolstered early in the second period when Bament, fresh back from injury, kicked a penalty. His effort took the score to 10-3 and brought his side back into the game.

Dorchester have had considerable success this season with the front peel from the lineout and they executed it well again for Hodgson to get over in the corner. Bament added the extras with an excellent kick from near touch and the sided were level with twenty minutes to go.

It was "all to play for" now and, although the home side edged ahead with a penalty goal, nothing was resolved. Then, with fifteen minutes to go tragedy struck Dorchester when centre, Tim Cuzens, was stretchered off with a dislocated knee.

The delay that is inevitably associated with an injury as serious as this, does tend to affect the victim's colleagues, and this duly happened. Dorchester seemed to lose their edge after the resumption and fell further adrift to an unconverted try. They now had to score twice and, in trying to do so, conceded another in the final minutes, and that took Frome to the win that they just about deserved on the day.

PREVIEW

Another round of league fixtures takes place on Saturday next and DORCHESTER face another little tester when they visit WIMBORNE who, while they are not exactly in the top flight of the Southern League (South), are not far away from it.

One would almost feel that a result in this one would be pivotal to Dorchester's season. Having played the two top sides in three weeks, if they were to lose at Wimborne, they would revert to a respectable mid table position. If

they can come away with a win, they will be very much "in the mix" at the season's half way stage. It really is a four point game for them and it will be close.

In Dorset & Wilts Division One, leaders BRIDPORT are also on the road. They take on FROME 2nd and should really win this one, injury list permitting. Their opponents ran Weymouth close earlier in the season however and Saturday's encounter might well prove to be a bit of a banana skin for the Brewery Field outfit.

There should be no sign of a banana skin at PUDDLETOWN however where WEYMOUTH are the visitors. The home side lie at the bottom of the division currently and have not crossed their opponents' whitewash over-much so far this season. From what I have seen of them however, they will certainly compete, but I think Weymouth will be too strong.

The club's injury list has meant that the Bridport second side has generally been more inconsistent this season than in recent times. Nevertheless, it should have too much for visitors Effingham and Ringwood.

Likewise, Dorchester seconds will, in all probability, make home advantage tell when they take on Lytchett Minster seconds.

I can see Weymouth seconds too ending the day with a pretty handy win over visitors Puddletown seconds.

FIXTURES 5th December - Bridport v Frome 2nd (away); Bridport 2nd v Effingham & Ringwood (home); Chard v Stothert & Pitt (home); Chard 2 v Ivel Barbarians 2nd (home); Chard 3rd v Hornets 3rd (away); Chard Colts v Clevedon Colts (away); Crewkerne v No Game; Dorchester v Wimborne (away); Dorchester 2nd v Lytchett Minster 2nd (home); Honiton v New Cross (home); Honiton 2nd v Ivybridge 3rd (home); Sidmouth v Clevedon (home); Sidmouth 2 v Kingsbridge 2nd (away); Sidmouth 3rd v Ilfracombe 2nd (home); Sidmouth Colts v Wellington Colts (away); Weymouth v Puddletown (away); Weymouth 2nd v Puddletown 2nd (home).

RUGBY EXTRA

GIRLS RUGBY COMES TO BRIDPORT

BRIDPORT Rugby Club hosts their first female rugby competition this Sunday (December 6th) when county Girls U15 and U18 teams play at the Brewery Field ground.

The competition is a round robin between teams from Dorset & Wilts, Devon and Cornwall with matches from each age group commencing at 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

Hopefully the weather conditions will improve to allow the girls to show off their skills and provide spectators with a good afternoon's rugby.

Girls and women's rugby has taken a forward step recently with England Women beating the All Black Women whilst the Women's World Cup takes place next year in August and September in the UK.

The Dorset & Wilts Women are sponsored by local business Samways Fish Merchants.

This is an ideal opportunity for girls in the local area to come and watch rugby at first hand and hopefully encourage sufficient interest to start girls' rugby at Bridport.

Hopefully the event will be well supported and will lead to more county rugby being played in Bridport.

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WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

HORSE RACING ROUND-UP

OUTSTANDING RUN
FROM NICHE MARKET
IN HENNESSY GOLD

ALL the headlines were about "The Tank" Denman and his remarkable comeback after his heart trouble last year to become only the third horse in history to land a second Hennessy Gold Cup after legends Mandarin and Arkle.

It was a shame therefore that **Niche Market** didn't get the national recognition that his run deserved, just holding off the Queen's Barber Shop by a short head to claim a superb third place.

"Brilliant, absolutely brilliant," was how Bob Buckler described the run. "He galloped, jumped and battled all the way. It was an amazing run and very satisfying for me in that I had got him spot on for the race."

"I knew after his race at Wincanton that he was exactly right for the race and he showed it. He took them on right from the off and made it a gallop. It was a pretty searching one at that which found a lot of them out, and by the back straight half the field of top quality horses had already dropped off."

"Although Denman and Paul Nicholls' other horse What A Friend got the better of him over the last three fence, he battled away and stayed on to head off Barber Shop."

Colin Tizzard's Joe Lively led the race with Niche early on but a mistake at the seventh fence put paid to his chances and he eventually finished tenth, the last one to complete the course.

With Harry Skelton required to ride for Nichols at Newcastle, Buckler had Andrew Glassonbury aboard the Irish Grand National winner.

"I've seen him ride a few times and

thought his style would suit Niche; both are bold and fighters, and he rode him to perfection."

It was a day of mixed emotions however for owner Graham Regan who had to miss the race as he was attending his mother's funeral. Mrs Regan died on Monday, but was a great racing enthusiast and would have desperately wanted things to continue, so all the family watched the race at the wake in a hotel in Ireland.

The prize money of £21,000 lifts Buckler to 36th in the trainer's top winnings league.

Just to show the extremes of racing, Buckler sent three horses out at Folkestone on Monday and they all ran disappointing races. **Ready or Not** pulled up two from home, whilst **Over the Flow** and **Ballygullen** both faded to finish well down.

"The conditions were atrocious; I was amazed that they raced. All three have run well in better conditions; it was the horrendous ground and none of them coped well with it. That's racing; one day you're on top and the next you're brought down to earth!"

Clyffe Hanger was the only other horse to run last week, and he once again put in a good performance to finish third at Chepstow.

"We changed the tactics this time. Knowing he jumps and stays Harry Skelton set off for home to try and run it out of the others. He was succeeding but he made a mistake at the third last which lost him three lengths in the jump and another four getting going again and he was overtaken to lose by a neck and 1 ¾ lengths."

"Unfortunately the handicapper persists in penalising him for being an honest horse and the weights once again got the better of him."

Kick in the teeth for Joe

JOE Tizzard is expected to return to the saddle this week after the rider was left with facial swelling and without front teeth following a novice chase fall at Kempton.

Dorset-based Tizzard was injured in the second-fence exit of his father Colin's The Jazz Musician.

Tizzard's agent Sam Stronge said: "Joe got a bad bang at Kempton. There are no broken bones and it's just superficial, but it does look quite nasty."

"He took a glancing blow and had a few front teeth kicked out that he'd already lost once before and had replaced with a bridge."

"He has had stitching in his gum and there is swelling around his right eye."

In Tizzard junior's absence, champion jockey Tony McCoy produced a vintage ride aboard Tizzard senior's Midnight Queen to claim the EBF Mares' 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle, the opening event of Newbury's three-day meeting.

McCoy is renowned for his ability to pull races out of the fire and he displayed every facet of his skills to coax Midnight Queen home by a nose after a prolonged battle with Miss Overdrive. The success confirmed the fine form of the Tizzard's string.

"I had a masterplan to take her to Wincanton for a mares' only chase but she had pus in a foot," said the winning handler, who trains near Sherborne.

"Then I decided to get her qualified for both the hurdle and chase finals for mares."

"She was as brave as brave can be up that run-in today and she'll stay three miles no problem. I think she'll go back over fences now, for a qualifier at Exeter."

First championship a success

FORMER Olympic silver medallist Allan Jay, MBE presented the trophies at West Dorset Fencing Club's first championship held recently at The Sir John Colfox School. Formed a year ago by another former Olympic fencer Shirley Parker, interest in the new club has been intense, with many adults and children at last having access to this unusual sport.

It was a coup for Shirley to persuade Mr Jay, six times a world champion finalist and holder of two silver Olympic medals to become honorary president of the club.

A vice-president of the British Fencing Association, Mr Jay kindly donated two trophies for the event.

Competition was fierce for the men's and junior titles where concentration and agility were put to the test. The quickness of the footwork had to be seen to be believed, but eventually Isaac Goodwin emerged victorious as men's champion and Alfie Conacher-Crow as junior champion.

The ladies title saw a serious and intensely fought series of battles between the ladies before Rosie Darkin won the championship.

On presenting Isaac Goodwin with his trophy, Mr Jay said: "I was thrilled and energised by your performance, well done". He presented Rosie Darkin with the Ladies' Championship rose bowl and Alfie Conacher-Crow with an engraved junior foil to keep. The runners-up Ellie Madden, Damon Allen and Liam Cooper were each presented with a signed certificate by Shirley.

Shirley said: "I was so excited to be in the position of having enough members advanced enough to compete, and the icing on the cake was Allan giving up his valuable time to

present the awards."

Mr Jay thanked Shirley for the invitation and said: "I am so pleased to be involved in the first steps of this club. I am passionate about fencing and am thrilled to see younger children coming into the sport. Anyone can give it a try – it's an energetic sport requiring quick reflexes and concentration, but no brute force".

West Dorset Fencing Club meets on Thursday evenings from 6.30 onwards at Sir John Colfox School. Anyone who is interested in taking part can try a taster session prior to enrolment in 2010. Spectators are also extremely welcome.

Tonight (December 3rd) is the last session before Christmas, they begin again on January 21st.



◆ ON GUARD: Allan Jay MBE presents ladies champion Rosie Darkin with her trophy watched by runner-up Ellie Madden (left) and third placed Judy Clarke

SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Colfox girls plough through mud to qualify for nationals

ATROCIOUS conditions at Millfield School did not stop The Sir John Colfox School Inter Girls from qualifying for the national final of the English Schools Cross Country Championships last Saturday.

In the regional round made up of the best twelve schools in the South West of England the team, whose performance was all the more remarkable as they are all one year younger than most of their competitors, qualified for this Saturday's final in Newquay with Beth Letherby leading the team home with a superb second place finish.

The Junior Boys finished 6th overall, a fine achievement for a very inexperienced team made up of mostly Year 7 boys

in some of the worst conditions ever seen with lead runner Rhys Kirkpatrick finishing an excellent 10th.

The Inter Boys finished 7th overall in the final race of the day. By now the course was badly cut up so they did very well to complete the course as many other competitors dropped out. Mat Fry led the team home finishing 24th overall.

■ The Sir John Colfox School will be hosting the Dorset County Championships on Saturday December 12th with the first race starting at 1pm. Spectators are welcome to watch the cream of the county's schools athletes in what is sure to be testing conditions.

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HOCKEY NEWS AND REPORTS

10-player Beaminster keep the winning habit

BOURNEMOUTH 4th 1
BEAMINSTER LADIES 2

BEAMINSTER maintained their winning ways despite being a player short when they visited Chapel Gate last Saturday.

They attacked right from the start and were rewarded with an early goal created from clever play from Jackie Gape. She found Megan Tuck who in turn drove the ball down the line to Bryony Edwards whose determination won the battle with the keeper to put Beaminster ahead.

With their confidence sky high Beaminster pushed on and Sophia Brown who shared the Player of the Match with Gape, delivered the second with a strong solo run before creating room for herself in the D to sweep the ball home. With Gape working tirelessly in midfield and creating openings Beaminster rarely looked like a side a player short.

Bournemouth came out refreshed after the break and were rewarded with a goal after some quick play and a very accurate strike.

Beaminster started to tire towards the end of the game but solid defending from Jenny Clarke, Ali White and Taryn Critchard kept Bournemouth at bay.

The well earned win maintain's their fourth place just a point behind Yeovil

2nd and Bournemouth 3rds who they meet at The Sir John Colfox School this Saturday in their last match before the Christmas break.

BEAMINSTER LADIES 2nd 3
YEOVIL & SHERBORNE 2nd 2

TWO superb second half goals from Player of the Match Sophia Brown gave Beaminster 2nd's victory in this Kitson & Trotman Friendly league match.

Brown with her dogged attitude and attacking prowess controlled midfield with Danielle Donovan in horrific weather, and Beaminster were rewarded with an early goal when Amber Love followed up a deflected ball from the keeper to slap the ball into the right-hand corner through a crowded D.

However Yeovil & Sherborne equalised before the interval with a breakaway goal which was chipped into the net from the top of the D.

Beaminster showed a lot of determination after the break and Brown's goals gave them a comfortable lead.

However despite some great defending by keeper Rachel Andrews the visitors scored a second just before the final whistle to set up a tense finish.

WEST DORSET 2 DAWLISH 0

WEST Dorset had to work hard to win

the points that keeps them joint second in the South East Division One against a youthful Dawlish side that were two men short due to a breakdown on the way to the match.

Despite their numerical disadvantage it wasn't until the final 15 minutes that West Dorset finally managed to find the net when Alex Davies beat two players before scoring with a nice shot from the top of the D.

Having broken the Devon defence West Dorset added a second two minutes later when Dan Wyatt standing in for the unavailable Simon Wakely smashed the ball home from the top of the D following a short corner routine.

The home side were frustrated for most of the match as Dawlish got behind the ball to defend in numbers and with their keeper making a number of superb saves it looked like they would thwart West Dorset. However they eventually tired against relentless pressure.

West Dorset skipper Julian May said: "They were a very well organised and strong side and we found it hard to break them down. However we showed great composure and didn't panic and our patience eventually paid off as they tired."

WEST BAY SEA ANGLING CLUB

THIS year West Bay Sea Angling Club's junior members caught 37kg 246g of fish over the 16 match season, which was an increase on last year, and they celebrated their success at the recent annual presentation evening.

Three members managed to fish all the matches whilst the heaviest weight caught in a match was 2kg 26g by Oliver Mears.

Junior secretary Roger Guppy thanked all the sponsors for their support as well as Steve Woolard and the harbour staff, The Angling Centre, the committee as well as Frank, Hilary, Kim, D Daw, B Baker and Fred Bowditch for all their hard work.

He also paid tribute to Maureen Jackson, who will be retiring as chair of the club this year, not only for all her hard work but also campaigning to prevent the council banning fishing on the piers.

President Fred Bowditch in turn thanked Hoot for all his hard

The winners were: Saturday Cup (overall winner) – Oliver Mears (8kg 799g), Lambert Trophy (overall winner runner-up) – Connor Hallett (6kg 644g), Points Trophy (highest points total) – Connor Hallett (52 pts), Points runner-up Trophy – Oliver Mears (49 pts), Ladies Junior Trophy (ladies heaviest aggregate weight) – Chelsea Taylor, Peggy Daw Memorial Trophy (heaviest aggregate in Brixham and Teignmouth matches) – Oliver Mears (552g)

Hils Trophy (heaviest fish) – Connor Hallett (Ballan wrasse 791g), Trevett Cup – (heaviest flounder) – Craig Horton (334g), Tiny Cup (heaviest mackerel) – Elliot Joy (hooked but lost it).

The sponsors were: The Old Watch House Cafe, Michael and Marie Mears, Kevin Dean, Christine Tolley, Andy Preston, Gregor Grant, Kevin White, Dennings Tackle, Hilary, Les Peters, Tiny, M Jackson, Stokes Family, Kay Guppy, Mike Hallett, Steven and Hugh Rathbone, Fred Bowditch and PJ.



◆ WINNING LINE-UP: Back, from left: Fred Bowditch (president), Aiden Dean, Oliver Mears, Roger (Hoot) Guppy (junior secretary), Craig Horton. Front: Chelsea Taylor and Connor Hallett.

FIRST WIN ON THE ROAD FOR EVOLUTION

Taunton Revolution, 93 Bridport Evolution, 69
Exeter and District League Division One

BRIDPORT's first away win of the season still proved elusive when they travelled to fellow strugglers Taunton Revolution.

Taunton stormed into the lead with some quick fire three-point shooting early on and Matt Acott picked up 12 points in the opening quarter. Tom Glover helped keep Bridport close with six points and coach James White added a three to keep the lead to just 10.

Midway through the second quarter Taunton lost a player to knee injury and with the arrival of Tony Glover Bridport were given a late boost before the end of the half.

Two baskets in the final three minutes for Tom Glover and a three for both Olly Everett and Craig Sorrell cut the lead to 19 from 27.

In the second-half Bridport switched to a man to man defence to try and force some errors from the home side and the change had immediate effect.

Fast break scoring from White and Sorrell pulled Bridport within 12 points of Taunton.

With the game still in reach Bridport gambled on a full court pressure defence but the risk didn't pay off.

Taunton took advantage and Brett Cooper added a further 11 points taking his total to 33 and earning him the MVP award for his side.

Despite still not feeling at his best Sorrell found his shooting touch again by the end of the game scoring three three-pointers in three minutes and taking his total to 22, despite only scoring three points in the first-half. Coach White picked up the MVP award for Bridport.

◆ Players and Scorers – Sorrell 22, White 13, Tom Glover 12, Gray 9, Everett 5, Latter 4, Tony Glover 2, Hughes 2, Robertshaw-

Bridport Evolution 71, Exeter Nomads, 72
Sunday, November 29th

BRIDPORT suffered an agonising one-point defeat at home to Exeter Nomads despite an excellent fourth quarter fightback. Bridport had gone 12 points behind in the first quarter but had pulled level in the second thanks to two three point shots by Tony Glover.

Exeter regained their lead in the third quarter though and started well again in the fourth as they looked to claim an easy victory.

With five minutes to play Bridport began their comeback. Three point shots from captain Sorrell and coach James White pulled Bridport level and then a free throw from Sorrell put Bridport ahead for the first time in the game.

Despite the comeback Exeter managed to take the lead again at the death, going three points ahead with six seconds to play.

With the final shot of the game Sorrell was fouled on a three-point attempt leaving him with three free throws and a chance to tie the game and take it to overtime.

Both sides could only watch as Sorrell made his first two but with the game on the line Sorrell couldn't make it three out of three and Bridport suffered their sixth straight defeat.

◆ Players and scorers – Sorrell 20, Tom Glover 12, White 9, Gray 8, Tony Glover 6, Park 5, Hughes 4, Scalabrino 3, Kapur 2, Latter 2, Everingta, Tsu-Yuly.

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TERRAS LATEST.....NEWS FROM THE VIEW FROM STADIUM

ROLLS: "I'M HERE FOR THE LONG HAUL"

GEORGE ROLLS has told Weymouth fans that he is 'here for the long haul'.

The former Cambridge United chairman took charge of the Terras on Friday, just minutes before the ailing club were about to go into liquidation.

Two weeks ago, it looked like Chris Ryan and Steve Beasant would become Weymouth's new owners having had their rescue bid accepted by the then directors at the *View From Stadium*.

However, the pair failed to meet a deadline set for paperwork to be completed and so the board turned instead to ROLLS, who too had made an offer for the Terras, albeit a far less lucrative one.

ROLLS was given until midday Friday to deposit funds - believed to total £50,000 - with the club's solicitors and he did it with minutes to spare.

He explained: "The last few weeks at Weymouth have been a circus act and the fans and people of the town deserve better."

"I was able to turn things around financially at Cambridge United and am proud of my record there. Weymouth are in a similar situation as Cambridge were in when I joined them and, like then, the potential is amaz-

ing.

"I'm here for the long haul and I want the club back in the Conference Premier as soon as possible."

ROLLS hit the headlines at the Abbey Stadium earlier this season when he allegedly offered the manager's job to three people at the same time.

One of those was former Weymouth boss, Alan Lewer, who threatened to take legal action against the recruitment businessman.

"People always remember the bad things," he added, "But I have learnt an awful lot and I won't be repeating those sort of mistakes again."

Meanwhile the new Terras owner has hinted that Ian Hutchinson's job as manager is safe, despite having never met each other.

He said: "We've not yet met but we soon will. He's done a good job and we must discuss what direction we're going to be heading in."

"I'm looking forward to the challenge and I think I can make this work because I know about running a business."

Meanwhile at his first press conference since taking over, ROLLS reiterated his intention to 'sort the Terras fi-

nances'.

He said: "This club has been run so badly over the past few years, it's time for us to come in and sort out every financial issue and analyse every aspect to get this team back where it belongs and looking forward to a brighter future. We've inherited £700,000 worth of debt in taking over, and there are still bills and requests for cash coming out of the wood work."

The new owner also pledged to introduce a new scheme where any child under the age of 16 accompanied by an adult will get free entry to every home game. "This will help breed the next generation of Terras fans, and will encourage more parents to attend home games at the Wessex Stadium - if they know it's a cheap day out, they'll come along."

With Weymouth rooted to the bottom of the Blue Square South table, the ex-Cambridge United chairman promised that Ian Hutchinson's squad will be strengthened in the near future.

He added: "There's no doubt about it - the current side we have isn't good enough to stay up and that's why we find ourselves where we are. Obviously Cambridge United will be a prime port of call where I can use my

contacts to bring in a few loans, but I have a vast database of friends in high places who I know will be able to help us out

"Every decision I make will always be run by the manager first and if he's not keen it won't happen. It's vital he is manager, and makes the decisions a manager should make."



◆ New Terras chairman George ROLLS (right) and vice-chairman Pranas PREIDZIUS

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